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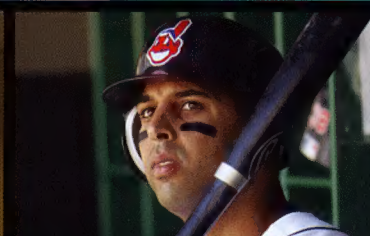
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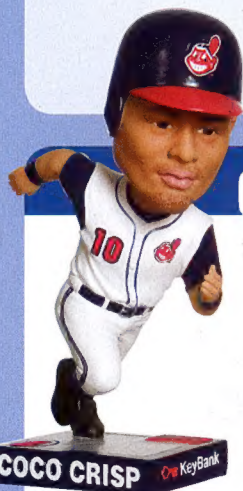
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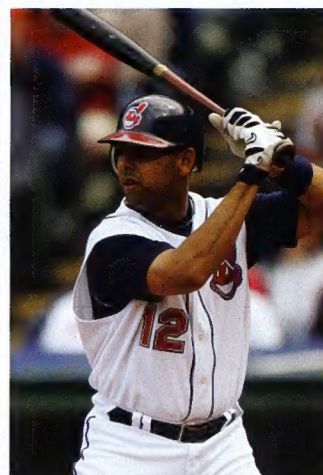
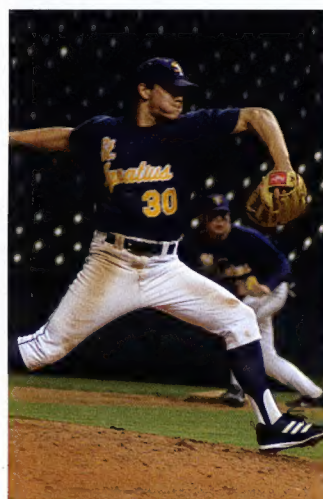


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Hey Tribe Fans, plan to attend one of the most exciting events of the season at Jacobs Field. The Indians Wives Association presents the highly anticipated "Mystery Ball Fund-Raiser." This event offers many exciting aspects, including rare and priceless collector's items, as well as our first-ever Mystery Ball sale.

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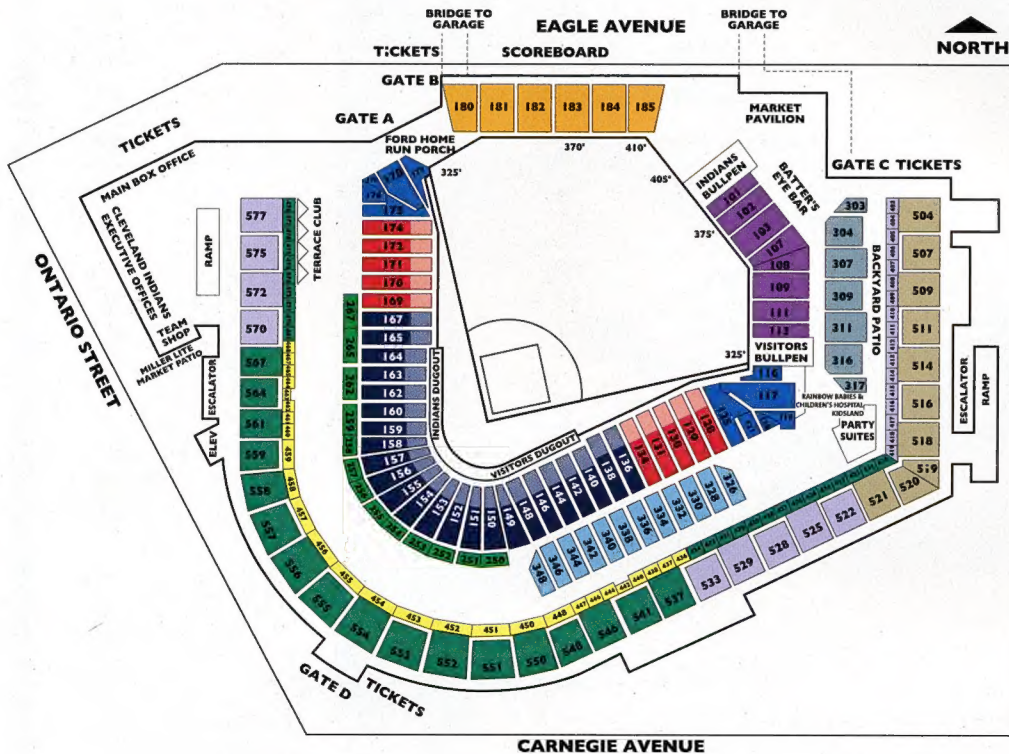
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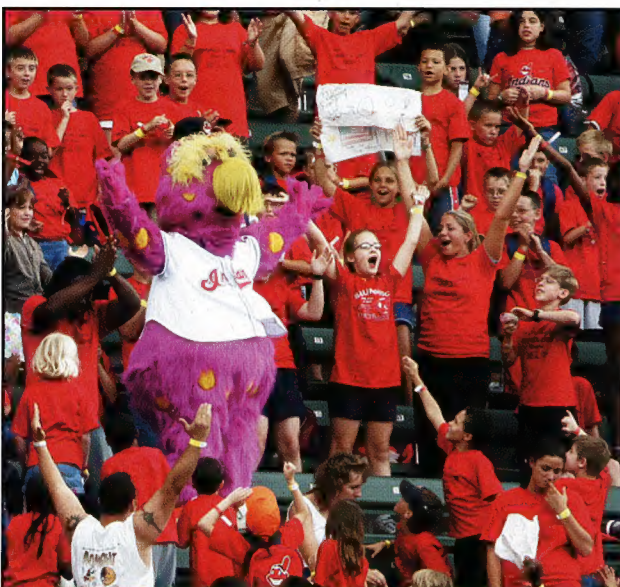


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With Grady Sizemore

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Acquired from Montreal in 2002, Sizemore got his first taste of the big leagues last season. He made the team in Spring Training this season and has been one of the Tribe's most consistent performers. Stealing bases is one of Sizemore's many talents. He has 96 stolen bases in the Minors, including 32 at Single-A Clinton in 2001. As with the rest of his game, he is refining his skills as a base stealer.

Sizemore talks about the art of the steal and the importance of the stolen base.

The leadoff: This, of course, is where the stolen bases begin. "My lead is pretty much the same all the time," says Sizemore. "I try to get out to the same distance every time. Most pitchers pay attention to what the runner's doing, so you have to watch them. I try to get out as far as I can."

The jump: The most important part of the steal. Without a good jump, the base stealer has little chance. "You have to pick a situation that's good to run in," says Sizemore. "Ideally, you look for something off-speed. It's not really about the count. You look for the best pitch to go on."

The key: A common misconception is stolen bases are achieved by taking advantage of a weak-throwing

catcher. In reality, much of the time just the opposite is true. "It's more on the pitcher than the catcher," says Sizemore. "You get your lead on the pitcher. You watch his motion and his delivery to the plate. You also watch his move to first."

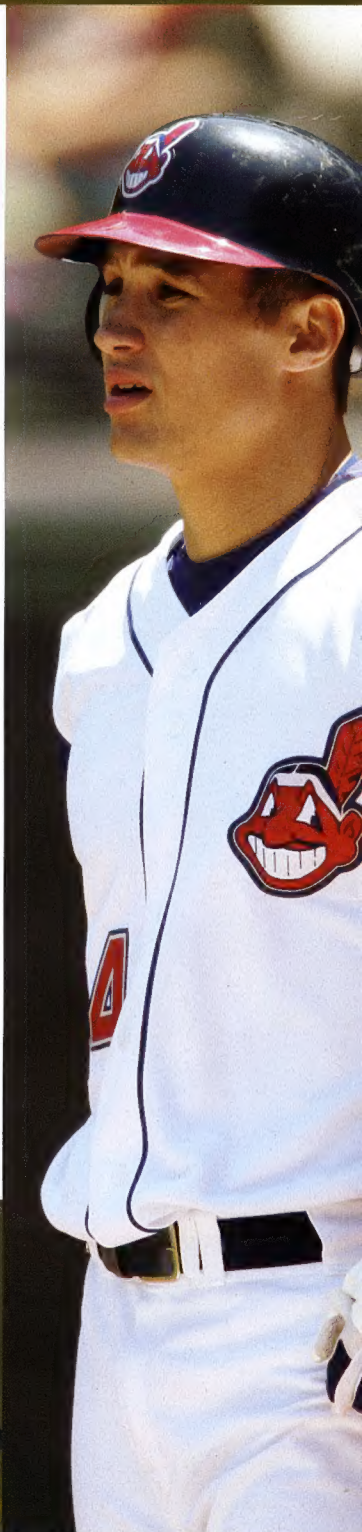
The footwork: "I try to have as much balance as I can when I get my lead," he says. "I don't want to get caught leaning, but I do want to get as good of a start as I can and be ready to go in that direction [to second]."

Heading to the bag: Sizemore puts his head down and goes straight to second base. He doesn't look at the batter or the throw. "I go in as hard as I can," he says. "My only focus is on the bag and my slide."

The preparation: Sizemore thinks it's important to study the opposition as much as possible. "You need to know the pitchers and the catchers," he says. "There are so many pitchers. I look at film. You see what pitchers have high leg kicks and which ones don't. It helps a lot."

The significance: "I'm looking to run," he says. "If you can run, that should be part of your game. I try to get into scoring position. That's the big thing. You want to get in a spot where the guys behind you can drive you in. It's really important. Your team's not going to hit five home runs a night."

— Steve Herrick



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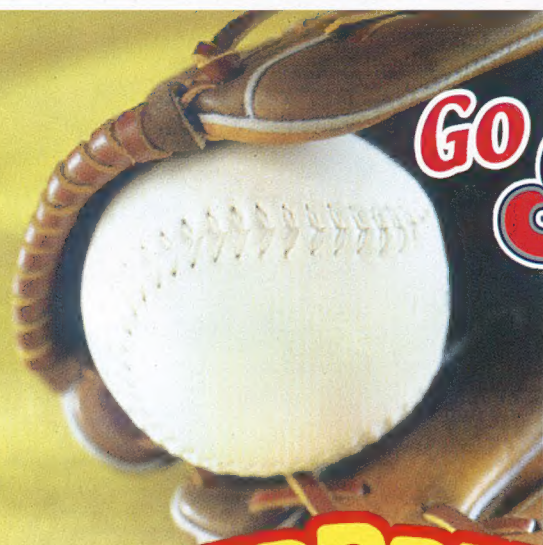
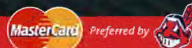
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Fan of the CENTURY

NEITHER HER daughter nor her cane stopped Linda Asher from throwing the first pitch at the Indians game on Sunday, May 29. Dressed in her Sunday best, a floral dress and black blazer and donning an Indians baseball cap, Asher's white hair blew in the wind as she commenced her 100th surprise birthday celebration with her version of a curveball.

"She's working on her fastball," a family member shouted with laughter after she delivered the pitch to Jhonny Peralta.

Asher's history with the Indians goes back about 95 years, when she went to her first game. Since then, she has been hooked.

Not only does Asher enjoy watching baseball, but in her younger years she played the sport as well. Asher grew up on Eagle Avenue, where Jacobs Field now stands, and her favorite place to play baseball was across the street at Erie Street Cemetery.

Before the surprise 100th birthday party, Asher hadn't been to the Jake in about four years because she has a hard time walking up the steps at the ballpark. But that didn't stop her from

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watching the games. When Asher's vision started deteriorating, the family pitched in and bought her a 57-inch television so she could watch her beloved Indians play ball, says Rosemary Asher, Linda's daughter. Now the next-door neighbors can hear the games booming when she blasts the sound on the television to get the full ballpark effect.

"She usually goes to bed at 9:30 p.m., but she stays up later to watch the

games," Rosemary says.

After Linda's ceremonial toss, she was wheeled into the party suite like a queen on her throne, with a signed baseball in her lap. Forty family members and friends, including her son, Tony Asher, and daughter, Rosemary, greeted her with a reverberating "Happy Birthday."

"That was so beautiful," several relatives said about her pitch.

The birthday party was a complete surprise for Linda. "She told me not to do a surprise thing on her birthday, and I didn't," Rosemary says with a wink. Rosemary technically didn't disobey her mother because the surprise birthday party was on Sunday, and Linda's

birthday wasn't until Wednesday.

Linda was treated as a guest of honor at the Jake. She made several appearances on the scoreboard, got a personal magic show in the party suite and even received a special birthday smooch from Slider. The family also had an Indians jersey specially made for her. "Asher 100" was embroidered in red on the back of the jersey. A jumbo baseball was passed around and signed by all guests as well.

The legacy of being an Indians fan doesn't stop with Linda. Her great-granddaughter, Madison, mentions Casey Blake as her favorite Indians player.

— Rebecca Turman



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EVERY FIVE DAYS

Being a Major League pitcher requires a lot of work — on and off the field. On day one he takes the mound. In the several days that follow he prepares to do it again. We follow Jake Westbrook through his pitching ritual.

By Steve Herrick

AS HAS BEEN THE CASE ALL SEASON, the Indians are in a tight battle with the Minnesota Twins. The May 24 game is tied 2-2 after five innings. Indians starter Jake Westbrook has battled out of jams throughout the game.

But not this time. The Twins plate the go-ahead run in the sixth.

Westbrook, obviously disappointed, walks off the field at inning's end, trailing 3-2. In the dugout, manager Eric Wedge and pitching coach Carl Willis tell him his evening is over.

And his preparation for his next start — five days later — begins.

When he's removed from the game, Westbrook stays

in the dugout to watch the Indians hit in the next half inning. On this day, Grady Sizemore's home run ties the game, 3-3, after six innings.

Westbrook walks through the tunnel that winds back to the Jacobs Field clubhouse. He removes his uniform, has his shoulder and elbow wrapped in ice for 15 minutes before taking a shower and dressing. He watches on the clubhouse televisions as the Indians drop a 6-3 decision in 11 innings.

As is the routine, Westbrook stands in front of his locker and answers questions from the media. He leaves the clubhouse reviewing the game, yet knows when he reports to Jacobs Field the following day that he will begin preparing for his start against Oakland on Sunday.

Westbrook arrives at the Ballpark around 2 p.m. for the hardest workout of his week. "I'm usually pretty sore," he says. "It's not natural to throw a baseball. It's mostly my shoulder, back and hips."

Westbrook jumps into his work. He runs sprints in the outfield, does lower-body exercises and gets his arm stretched out by a team trainer. Westbrook also lifts light weights to strengthen his arm and shoulder, work the kinks out and loosen the arm.

"It's a good chance to flush the system out," he says. "You prepare for your next start. That's why you work out, so you can throw 100-plus pitches and then bounce back four days later."

There's another game tonight and the players follow a similar pattern. The entire team stretches and plays catch about three hours before gametime. During batting practice, the pitchers shag fly balls in the outfield.

Westbrook runs hard to work up a good sweat.

The Indians' batting practice ends at 5:30 p.m. for a night game. Westbrook has something to eat and finishes his workout on the stationary bike. He changes into his uniform, "and my day will be done," he says. "Then I'll go to the dugout and watch the ballgame."

But last night's game is still on Westbrook's mind.

"After a game, sometimes I have headaches," he says. "I'll go over the game pitch by pitch. It can get to you. It's mentally taxing. I'll watch TV and try to unwind. I have a tough time going to sleep."



THURSDAY, MAY 26

Westbrook describes his day as "pretty light."

"I give my body a chance to rest up," he says. "I recuperate from my outing and a pretty hard workout [the day before]." Of course, Westbrook's "pretty light" day would be a full workout for most people. He arrives at Jacobs Field at 3 p.m., goes through a stretching regimen, runs sprints in the outfield, plays catch and shags fly balls.

Surprisingly, the soreness in Westbrook's shoulder, back and hips is worse on the second day after a start. "I'm not sure if it's that way with everybody, but it's that way with me," he says.

The first two months of the 2005 season have been frustrating for Westbrook.

After finishing 14-9 and making the All-Star team in 2004, he's 1-7 in 10 starts this season. He has two complete games, but has lost both because the Indians were shut out both times. Westbrook also has been given the least amount of run support among American League starters.

"I can't worry about stuff like that," he says. "I've pitched three ballgames [two against Detroit and one against Texas in which he has allowed 23 runs in 7 2/3 innings] where I haven't given us much of a chance to win. They [the Indians hitters] could say the same thing about me."

Still, he won't dwell on the negative.

"Nobody here [in the clubhouse] wants to see you moping around for four days," he says.



FRIDAY, MAY 27

Unlike most starting pitchers, Westbrook doesn't always throw in the bullpen between starts. On this occasion, he throws about 25 pitches to a catcher in the outfield.

"It depends on how my arm feels," he says. Not throwing helps keep his arm fresh. When he does pitch between starts, Westbrook says it's less intense, working on hitting spots and on his mechanics.

Westbrook, 27, doesn't want to take any chances with his arm. He missed most of the 2002 season because of elbow surgery.

The general soreness Westbrook has been feeling is almost gone. "Every day, it gets better," he says.

Westbrook uses several tools to get ready for Oakland's hitters. He watches the Friday and Saturday games from the dugout. Westbrook also studies film compiled by the Indians' video department for his specific needs. For instance, it wouldn't do Westbrook, who relies on a fastball in the low 90s and a sinkerball, much good to watch video of how the A's hitters do against C.C. Sabathia, the Indians' hard-throwing left-hander.

"I watch what they do against right-handed sinkerball pitchers like me," he says. "It benefits me a lot."

And since the Indians have not faced the A's yet this season, the pitchers and catchers meet with Willis to go over the Oakland hitters.

The outing will be a challenge for Westbrook, who is 0-5 lifetime against Oakland.



On the day before his start, Westbrook runs and follows the usual pitchers' routine. His mental preparation has begun. Westbrook watched the A's hitters the night before and keeps a close eye on third baseman Eric Chavez, a tough left-handed hitter.

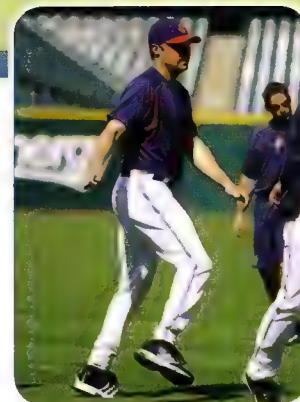
"I've had some trouble with Chavez," he says. "He's always been someone who has hit me pretty well."

In fact, Chavez is batting .400 (6-for-15) lifetime against him with three homers and four walks.

Following the Indians' 6-3 win, Westbrook gets ready to leave the Ballpark. The start he's been preparing for is about 15 hours away.

Westbrook says he has more trouble sleeping after he pitches than he does the night before he starts.

"I won't have problems sleeping at all," he says.



SUNDAY, MAY 29

Westbrook arrives at Jacobs Field three hours before the 1:05 p.m. game. He relaxes and gets his arm rubbed down and stretched by the trainers. For a night game, Westbrook eats two grilled sandwiches. For a day game such as this, he'll have eggs and waffles.

About 90 minutes before the game, Westbrook sits alone in front of his locker.

"I would imagine every starting pitcher gets nervous," he says. "I'm anxious and ready to get going. I'm not thinking, 'I hope I don't screw up,' but I am nervous."

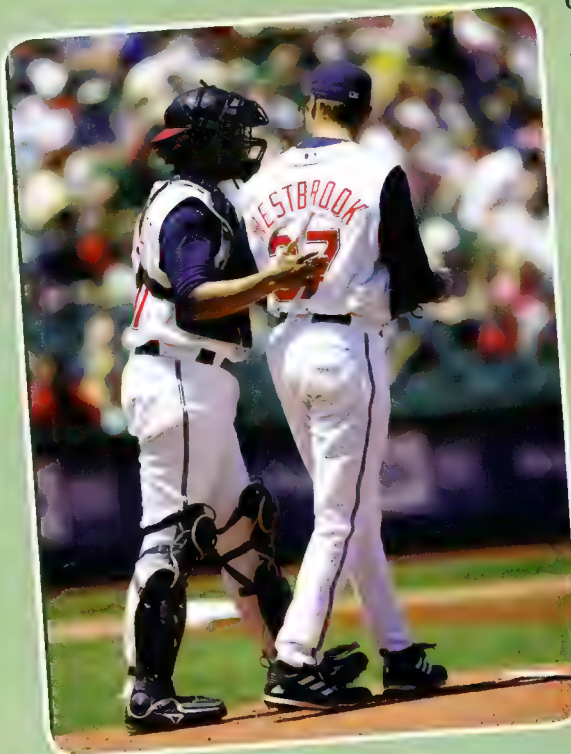
At 12:34 p.m., Westbrook emerges from the dugout with Willis and catcher Victor Martinez, who will be behind the plate today. Westbrook walks to deep center field and starts some stretching exercises, which are followed by a few sprints. Westbrook and Martinez then play catch.

At 12:42, Westbrook walks to the mound at the back end of the bullpen and begins his warm-up pitches. Sixteen minutes later, Westbrook, Martinez and Willis walk back to the dugout. Westbrook gets a drink, sits down and relaxes. At 1:04 p.m., the Indians take the field. Westbrook throws eight warm-up pitches.

At 1:06 p.m., Westbrook climbs on top of the mound, takes a deep breath, leans over, peers in for the sign from Martinez and fires his first pitch to Mark Kotsay, who grounds out to second baseman Ronnie Belliard.

The game goes well for the

Indians and Westbrook. A sacrifice fly by Belliard in the second, a two-run triple by Alex Cora and an RBI single by Jose Hernandez in the fourth give the Tribe a 4-0 lead. Westbrook strands two runners in the first and two in the fourth.



The A's load the bases with one out in the sixth, but Westbrook retires Eric Byrnes on a sacrifice fly and Marco Scutaro on a ground ball. The Indians add a run in the sixth on Martinez's homer.

Westbrook has a 1-2-3 seventh and is pulled after the inning. He allows one run on four hits in seven innings. Westbrook throws

96 pitches, striking out three and walking three.

And how does the duel with Chavez work out? He doubles over first base in the first. Westbrook wins an 11-pitch battle in the fourth, getting him to ground out. And Chavez walks in the sixth.

Following the 6-2 win, which completes a three-game sweep, the Indians' clubhouse is understandably upbeat.

Westbrook smiles as he talks to reporters, but knows he was far from perfect.

"I was all over the place today," he says. "I was very erratic. It wasn't one of my best games, but the offense was great and the guys made some good plays behind me."

Informed he had been winless against the A's, he says, "I didn't know that. I knew I hadn't had too much success against them."

Naturally, Westbrook is happy to get his second win of the season.

"It definitely feels good," he says. "Going into the night, I'll relax and reflect and take it all in."

For Westbrook, who will pitch during the weekend in Chicago, the process is about to begin again.

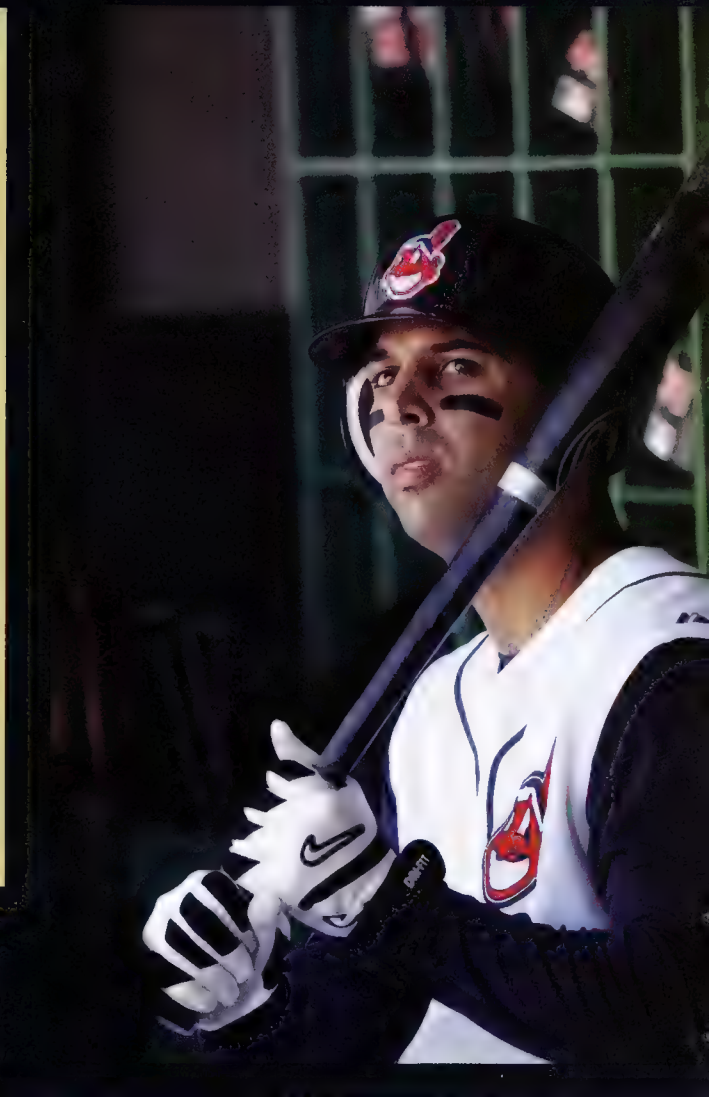
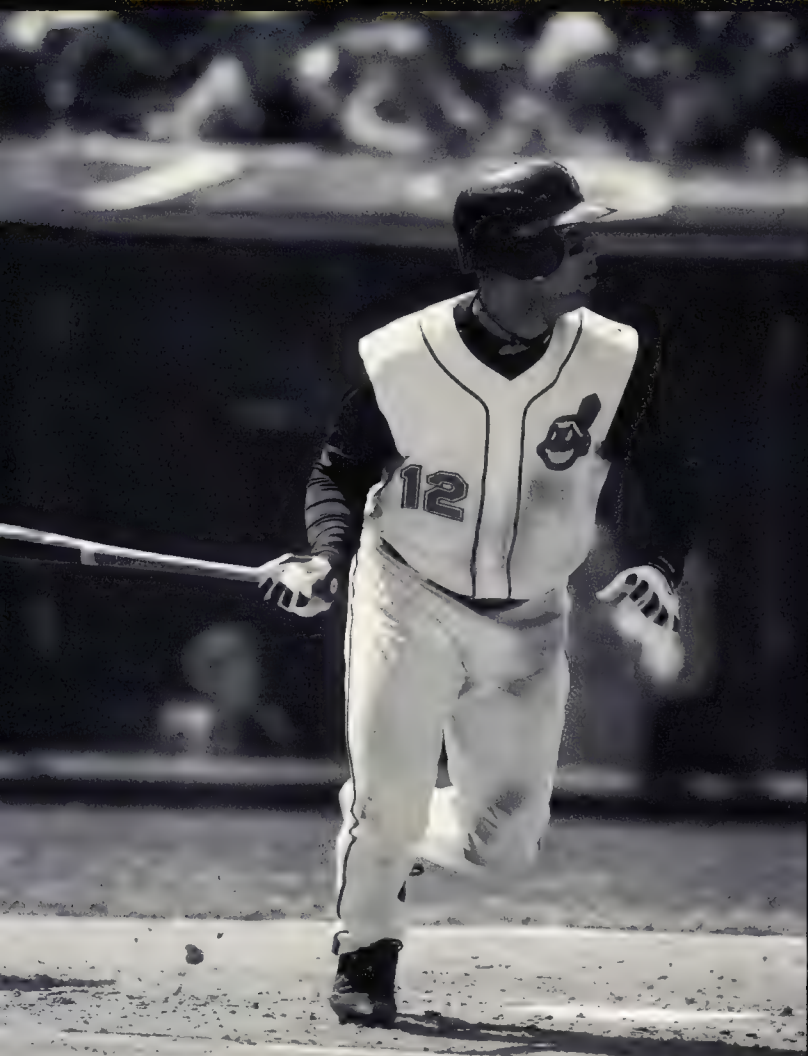
"This is a very humbling game," he says. "If you win, you can't go around thinking you're the greatest pitcher ever. You have nine guys with bats the next time you pitch waiting for you."

And there's no doubt Westbrook will be waiting for them.

SMART ALEX

A student of the game, Indians utility infielder Alex Cora has learned what it takes to win in the Major Leagues. And he's passing it along.

By Jason Lloyd



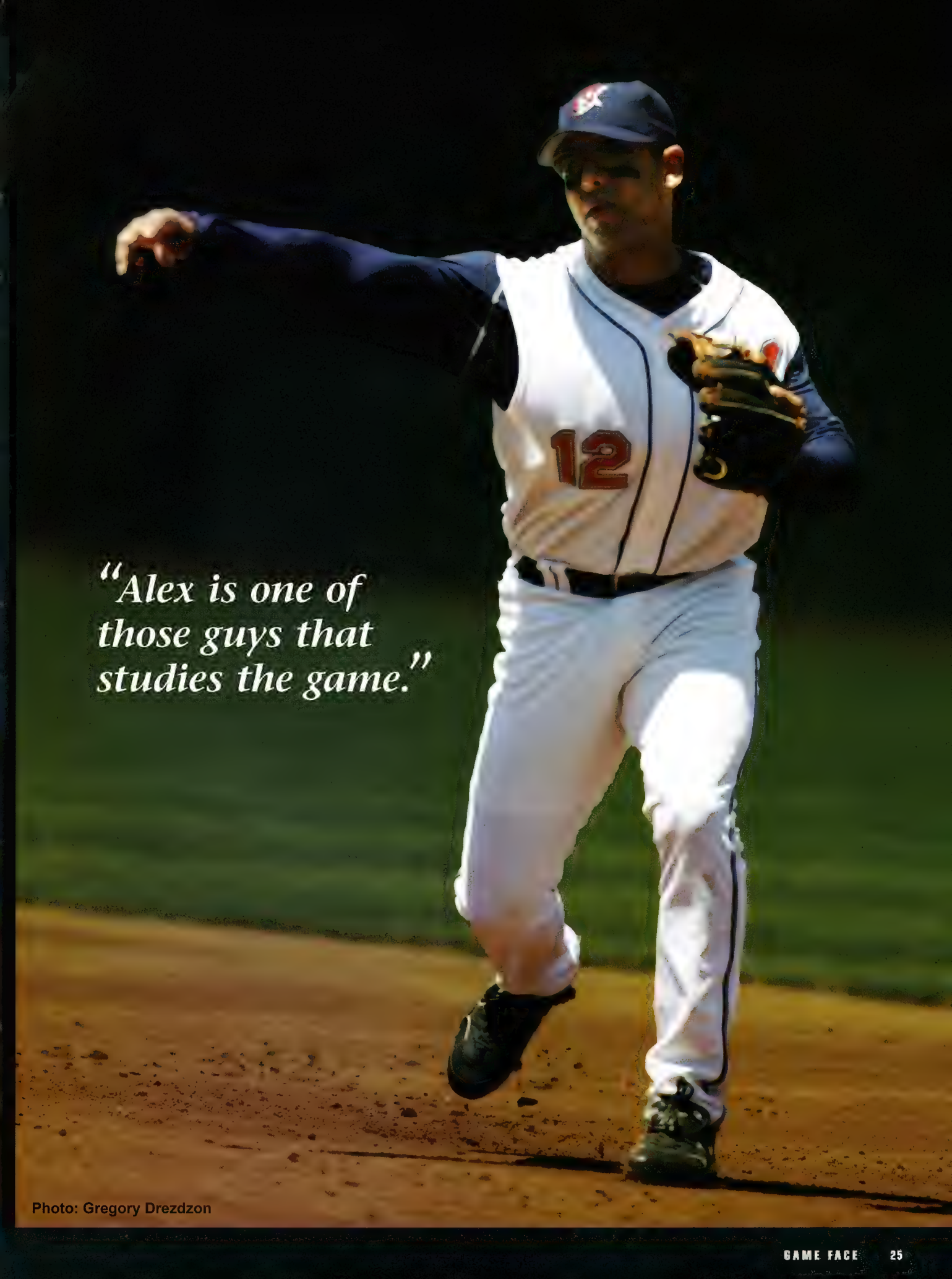
THIS WASN'T EXACTLY A SURPRISE.

In fact, everyone inside Jacobs Field knew what Alex Cora was doing. At least, what he was supposed to be doing. So when Cora squared to bunt on the first pitch in an April game against the White Sox, Chicago Manager Ozzie Guillen had already called for the wheel play, which meant shortstop Juan Uribe was sprinting toward third.

At the time, it appeared routine. The Indians had runners at first and second in the sixth inning of a 5-5 game. And Cora was simply doing what any player would do — bunt the runners over.

"It was an obvious bunt situation," Cora says. "The only reason I was hitting was because Coco (Crisp) walked. If Coco wouldn't have walked, I was going to get pinch hit for."

But there was Cora, standing in the batter's box, having already watched the White Sox run the wheel play — in which the first and third basemen charge the bunt, leaving the shortstop to race to third for an attempt at the force out on the lead runner — on the first pitch of his at-bat



*"Alex is one of
those guys that
studies the game."*

Photo: Gregory Drezdson

So when White Sox pitcher Neal Cotts delivered the second pitch of Cora's at-bat, Uribe again broke for third. So Cora pulled his bat back and slapped a slow roller to short-left where Uribe had been — and into left field. Jhonny Peralta scored from second with the go-ahead run. The Indians went on to score three crucial runs in the inning and eventually won the game, 8-6.

"He's just a good baseball player and his instincts are fantastic," Indians Manager Eric Wedge said after the game. "He's aggressive and smart and does all the little things."

Which is exactly why Tribe General Manager Mark Shapiro quickly snatched him up after the Dodgers released him in December. Along with Jose Hernandez, Cora has brought a savvy veteran presence to the Indians' clubhouse this year. Just don't tell him that.

"I'm only 29," he says. "I hate when people say I'm a veteran guy. I have a long ways yet to learn and play."

But he's already learned so much. Maybe it's because he spent three years playing college ball. Maybe it's because he grew up around the game with his older brother, Joey, a former Indians second baseman. Maybe it's just natural instinct. Whatever the reason, it has made Cora one of the smartest players on the Indians' roster.

"I'm not that smart," Cora says. "But when you aren't an Albert Pujols, when you don't have that kind of ability, you look for other ways to be competitive. You have to find other ways to contribute."



Cora has found plenty. He's never hit more than 10 home runs in a season. He's never hit higher than .291 and he's never stolen more than seven bases. Yet he's in the midst of his sixth year in the Majors, carving a role that fits perfectly with this young Indians team.

He was a stabilizer early in the year at shortstop, while Peralta was learning how to play every day in the big leagues. He's a

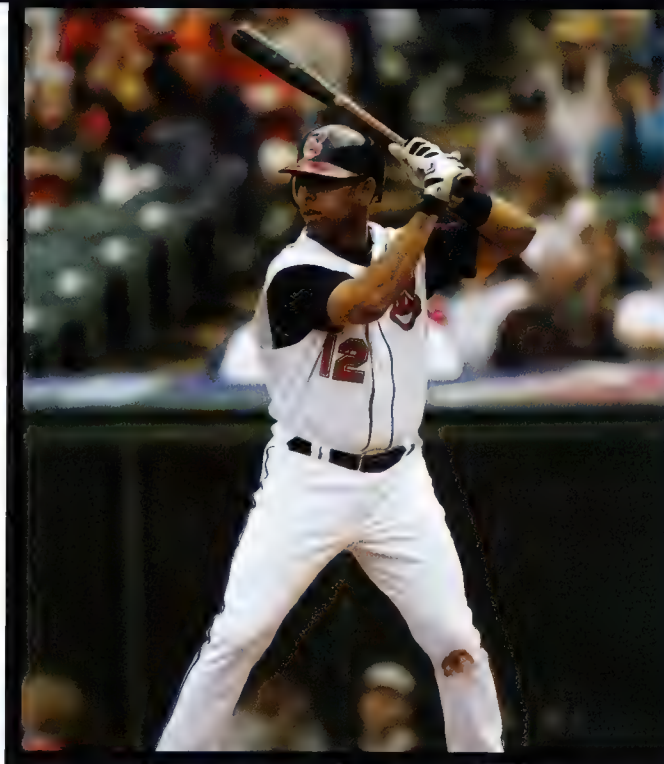
perfect substitute for Ronnie Belliard, whom the Indians are trying to give more days off this year to avoid another second-half slump.

In essence, he's filling the role Shapiro had in mind when he signed Cora.

But don't misunderstand Cora's presence with contentment. Like anyone, he wants to play every day, especially after he averaged 143 games over the past two years in Los Angeles. He's not going to reach 140 games as a bench player this year.

"Whoever says they're happy being on the bench, they're lying," Cora says. "No one likes being on the bench. But I understand the situation I've been put in."

Cora was left with few options, since Los Angeles waited until the week before Christmas to release him. After the Dodgers signed Jeff Kent to play second base, they had no use for Cora or Jose Hernandez. So the Indians gladly scooped up both.



Hernandez and Cora grew up in Puerto Rico. But the fact Cora played in the College World Series twice in three seasons at the University of Miami gave him an early edge over other Latin players, Hernandez says.

"Alex is one of those guys that studies the game," Hernandez says. "He played a couple years in college, where it's not like it is back home. In the States, they teach you more about the fundamentals, where back home you're basically just playing. He's pretty smart in the field."

And at the plate, too. While facing Matt Clement and the Cubs last year, Cora had an 18-pitch at-bat that lasted nearly 14 minutes — and ended in a home run. It was the longest at-bat to end in a home run since at least 1987, when Stats Inc. began tracking pitches. At one point, Cora fouled off 14 straight pitches.

But his single earlier this year off Cotts, through that gaping hole in the infield, best exemplifies the player he has become.

"In that situation, you have to pay attention to the corner guys and be aware of your surroundings," Casey Blake says. "You can't have tunnel vision. That's just instinct, and Alex definitely has good instincts."

While growing up, Cora idolized Roberto Alomar, a former Indians second baseman with a nose for the game. While Cora may not have the same physical gifts Alomar had in his prime, his mental game is comparable.

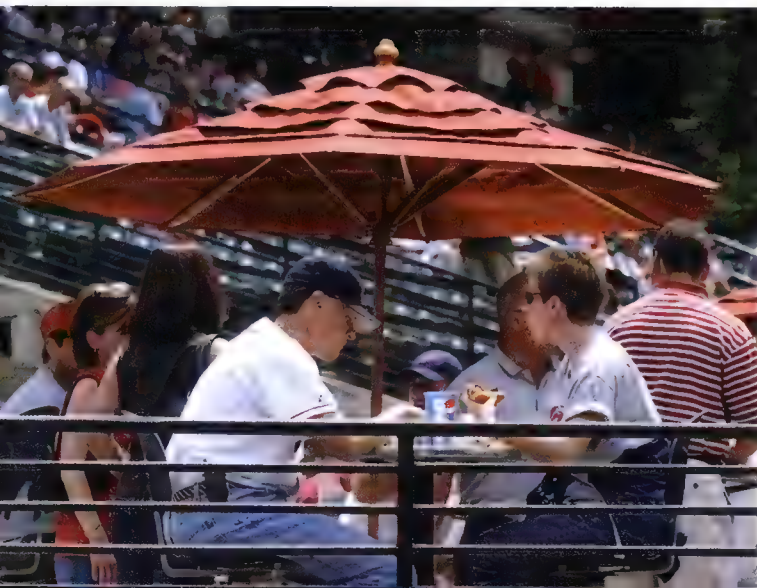
"Growing up just being around the game really helped," Cora says. "I learned a lot just by watching big league games. Joey was that same type of player. They had him listed at 5-foot-8, but I know how tall he really is and how much he really weighs. He was a smart player who got the most out of his ability and I just try to do the same thing."



CONQUER THE JAKE

Yes, Virginia, there's more to baseball than the action on the field!

By Amber Matheson



I SAUNTERED THROUGH GATE A, ONTO THE Ford Home Run Porch. Scanned the field, where the guys were warming up, sniffed the warm breeze, just right for an evening ballgame. Yes, everything was shaping up fine. But for tonight, I had other fish to fry.

You see, there's more to the game than, ahem, the game. There's practically a carnival surrounding the inner sanctum that is the playing field. I mean, for starters, you can get cotton candy and any kind of fried food imaginable (including apples), but it goes way beyond that.

Hundreds of people are out there, behind the stands and sections, doing whatever it is they do to make sure you're having a good time even when you're not watching the game. Ever secretly wonder where your seat neighbors go when they disappear? We explore the Jake beyond the field.





Photo: Gregory Drezdson

DISCOVER A NEW DRINK

Swing by this year's exciting addition to the Ballpark and take a sip of the newest concoctions from the bartenders at the Batter's Eye Bar. Bartender Shannon created the Shannon on Home Plate Martini: Chambord, Ketel One, cranberry and orange juice. Stop by and pick one up. Maybe she'll let you in on why she chose that name!

The Batter's Eye is also the place for folks who enjoy watching their games in a lively bar-type atmosphere; you'll find lots of good-natured conversation among the crowd relaxing at the bar and in the nearby bistro tables.

DINE THE NIGHT AWAY

The Market Pavilion features Italian, Asian, European and Mexican treats — as well as a chef behind a huge stainless-steel grill who'll cook you a mess of ribs with corn on the cob and coleslaw to boot (\$7.50). The ribs are fall-off-the-bone good, with a tangy sauce that's right up there with all those "award-winning ribs" joints.

Brandy, one of the friendly bartenders at the Batter's Eye Bar, recommends the chicken teriyaki in the Chinese section. You don't have to worry about getting sticky sauce on your lucky jeans — tables abound in the Market Pavilion. On my last visit, I just took my ribs right over to the bar; a brewski plus delicious food and a great view of the game? Now that's what I call summer living!

GET PERSONAL WITH JOHN AND THE BOYS

John's the man over at the Making of the Game stand, one of just nine in the Major Leagues, near the Ford Home Run Porch and the bleacher section.

One of John's apprentices, Mark, stands behind a shield of plastic protecting his work from the public: He's using a special machine to create a bat out of a block of wood. The demos take place throughout the evening, which could explain the wood shavings littering John's shoulders. The guys also demonstrate ball making, but if you miss the show, a permanent display holds versions of a typical ball from the very beginning (called the pill) to the regulation-size, hand-stitched finished product.

Be sure to catch a glimpse of the laser-engraving machine used to personalize the bats and balls at the stand; the words are actually burned into the equipment in microthin lines.

And, of course, you can get a T-shirt or jersey personalized by Dan.

TRADE IN YOUR CLUNKER

Okay, you can't really trade in your old cap for a new one. But that shouldn't stop you from checking out the cap stand behind Section 154. More than 50 different Indians caps, plus a few caps for those other guys, reside within this huge batter's helmet, along with Eric, a pretty knowledgeable outfitter. He deftly pointed out the '48 World Series cap and the retro cap from '75, and noted the popularity of the women's plaid pink cap (\$20). There's even a fisherman's cap for the off days.



GO FROM SUSHI TO SLIDER IN ONE FELL SWOOP

Embrace the silly and the serious at once with a trip to Sushi on the Square and a visit to Slider's workshop — both around Section 145. You can experience fine dining via the California rolls, seared ahi and Sapporo beer, then skate over to the Create Your Own Slider by Build-A-Bear Workshop booth and indulge your playful side: Put a silver rock star outfit on your Slider, slap a name on him or her and snuggle up while you digest.

Wondering what creation is the most popular one at the Ballpark? You guessed it: Slider in an Indians uniform.

KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE

Tucked away behind Sections 131-134, the Society for American Baseball Research maintains a stand at every home game. "It's about 7,000 people worldwide who are committed to keeping the history and traditions alive," says SABR member Bob Kreidler, who was holding down the fort for his third season (the booth's been around for eight years). His particular passion is 19th-century baseball history, but members focus on whatever catches their interest, from stats to umpires to women in the game.

SABR members are always at the booth to answer questions and remind baseball fans that there's a huge group of people out there just as fanatic as they are.



RECONNECT WITH YOUR INNER CHILD

Section 119 is the place to feel like a kid again; just make sure you bring a kid with you, because this place is designed specifically for the munchkins. The KidsLand Team Shop is attached to KidsLand, and

inside KidsLand is the KidsLand Food Stand, where you can get a hot dog for the bargain price of \$1.75!

I found an adorable pink onesie inside the KidsLand Team Shop. The minibats were equally cute, and a steal at \$5 for silver, blue, or red, \$6 for natural bats, and \$8 for my favorite, the '48 World Series bat in a blue and red fade. The 1-foot-tall Charlie Brown Pez dispenser was another must-have. He's just \$30 and actually plays "Take Me Out To The Ballgame."

Exit through the rear door into KidsLand, which is sponsored by Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, and you'll find TVs sprinkled amid the crayon-colored equipment. Let your kids burn some energy with a romp on the jungle gyms, minicars and playhouses while you catch every minute of the game from one of the nearby picnic tables.

SHOW UP YOUR FRIENDS

At the Fast Pitch stand behind Section 116, you'll usually find a few guys casually checking out each other's speed — do you dare step up to the plate? For just a buck, you get three pitches and a guy who'll tell you how fast they are. The guys in line before me had top speeds of 59, 63, and 74 miles per hour.

While a pro's average is around 92 mph, keep this in mind next time you hand over your dollar: My top speed was a sweet 27 mph. Play ball!

STUMP AN INDIANS EMPLOYEE

The Jake holds two Guest Services booths, one behind Section 153 and one behind Section 550 of the upper deck. You can sign up for the Indians e-mail newsletter and get a free T-shirt, but even better is the opportunity to ask these guys any Indians question you can think of. My comrade and I came up with three toughies, and the girls at the stand shot back with three (correct) answers. These booths are also the place to go for fan information, ticket info and handicap-accessibility info.



GAZE IN AWE

Deep inside the Team Shop lies the Indians' own Hall of Fame. As close as it is to the action, the room has an air of reverence; it's somehow quieter here. Take a breather and revel in the old jerseys of Indians greats like Bob Feller, Lou Boudreau, Mel Harder, and Earl Averill. You'll also find some of the 100 Greatest Indians Balls and see what the 1920s World Series tickets looked like.

CATCH A SHOW

On select Friday and Saturday nights this season, fireworks will light up the sky after home games. You won't want to miss the Aug. 13 game vs. Tampa Bay where the postgame will feature a special Rock N Blast fireworks presentation. And as an added bonus for the Aug. 20 game vs. Baltimore, the first 20,000 fans inside the Jake will also get a Coco Crisp bobblehead.



MAKE SUNDAY A FUN DAY

You won't believe what kids are allowed to do during the Kids Fun Days this season at the Jake. They can play whiffle ball with Slider, participate in pre-game contests and activities, and be selected to meet their favorite Indians player in a private autograph session. Each Sunday, eight lucky kids that entered to win at their local Best Cuts get to suit up and take the field as part of the Best Cuts Kid's Fun Day Starting Lineup. On certain Sundays, kids will get a chance to run the bases after the game.

Make sure you're in attendance July 17 as the Indians take on the White Sox. The first 2,500 fans will receive a disposable camera and a great photo-op: the entire Indians roster. And July 24 is Slider's birthday — all kids 14 and under will get a Slider marionette to help celebrate his 15th birthday.



RELAX IN STYLE

Make your next visit to the Jake a little comfier by purchasing Club Seats. While the seats are the same, the experience doesn't end there. Club Seat tickets give you access to the private Club Lounge, an expansive restaurant and sports bar. Unlimited food and non-alcoholic beverages are also included in the ticket price. And we're not talking just your ordinary brats and burgers; the Club Lounge chefs routinely create specialties from around the world prepared at live-action stations right before your eyes. On any given night, the selections could include Chinese stir-fry, a Mexican fiesta, or an Italian pasta bar.



PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Cincinnati Reds

PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU
My Parents

ROAD CITY
Boston



AGE: 27

BORN: MARCH 30, 1978

ITHACA, NY

POSITION: CATCHER

B-T: S-R **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 215

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

Denver Broncos

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

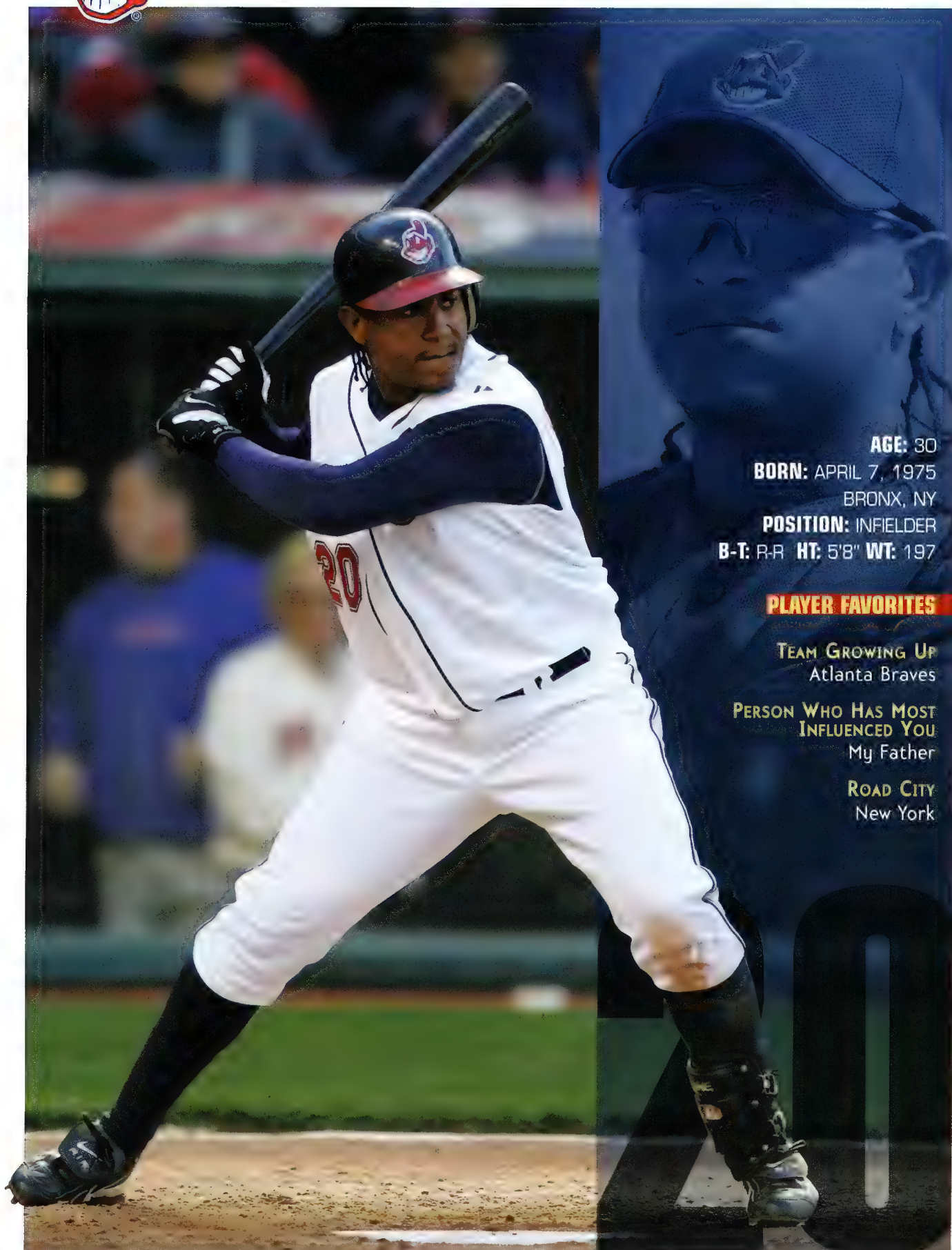
My Father

ROAD CITY

Chicago



RONNIE BELLIARD



AGE: 30

BORN: APRIL 7, 1975

BRONX, NY

POSITION: INFIELDER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 5'8" **WT:** 197

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

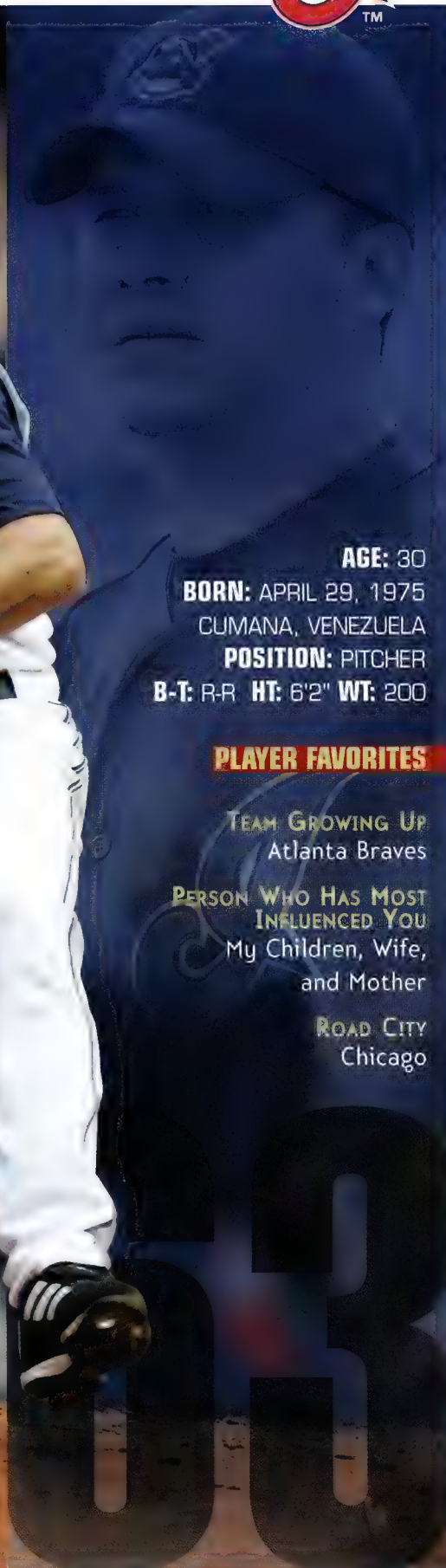
Atlanta Braves

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

My Father

ROAD CITY

New York



AGE: 30

BORN: APRIL 29, 1975

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POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 200

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

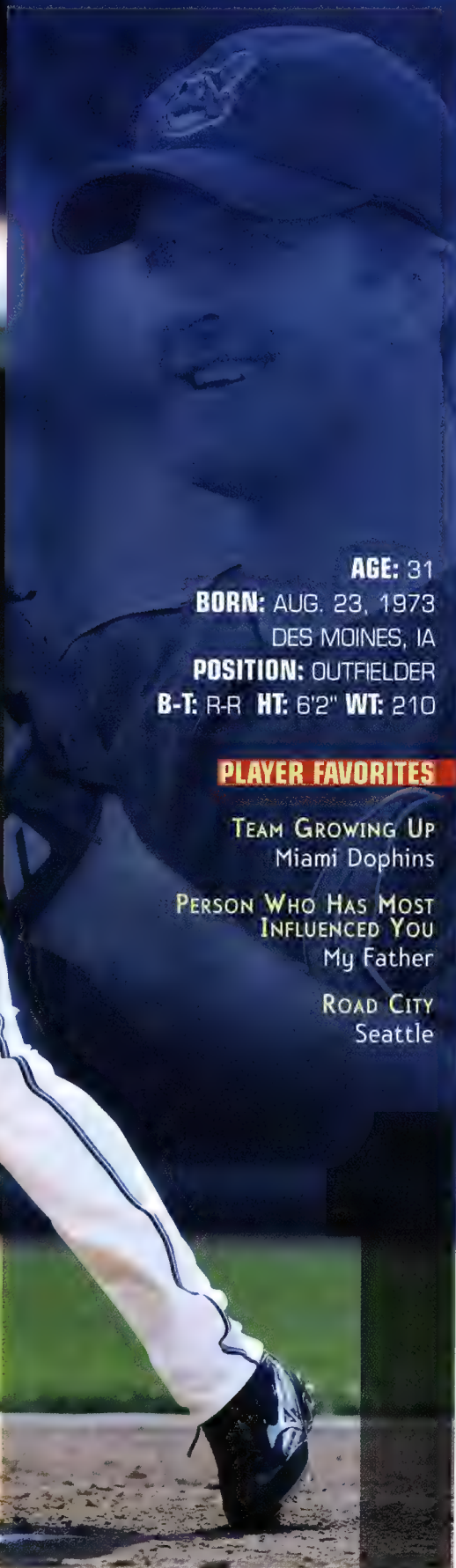
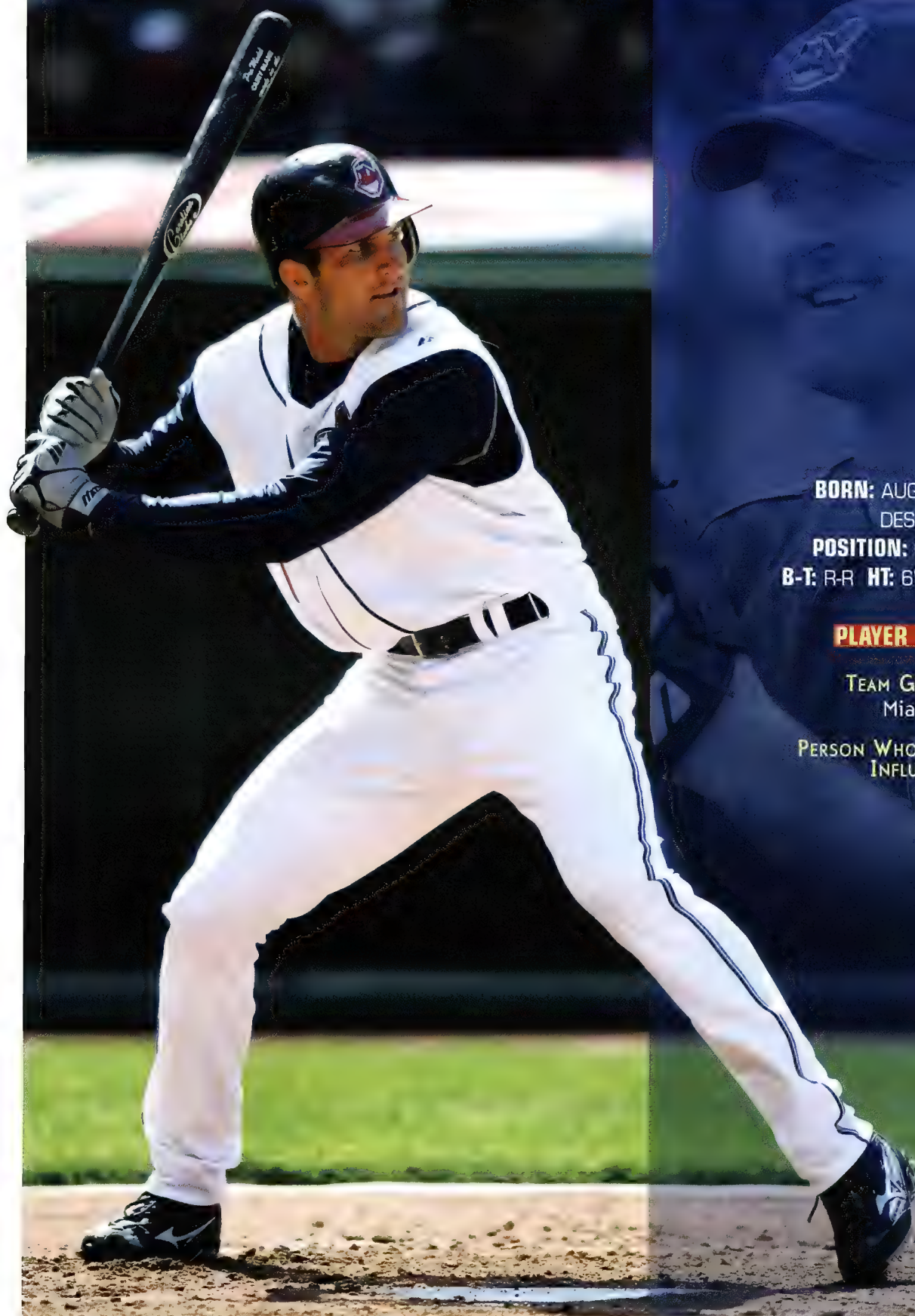
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**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

My Children, Wife,
and Mother

ROAD CITY

Chicago



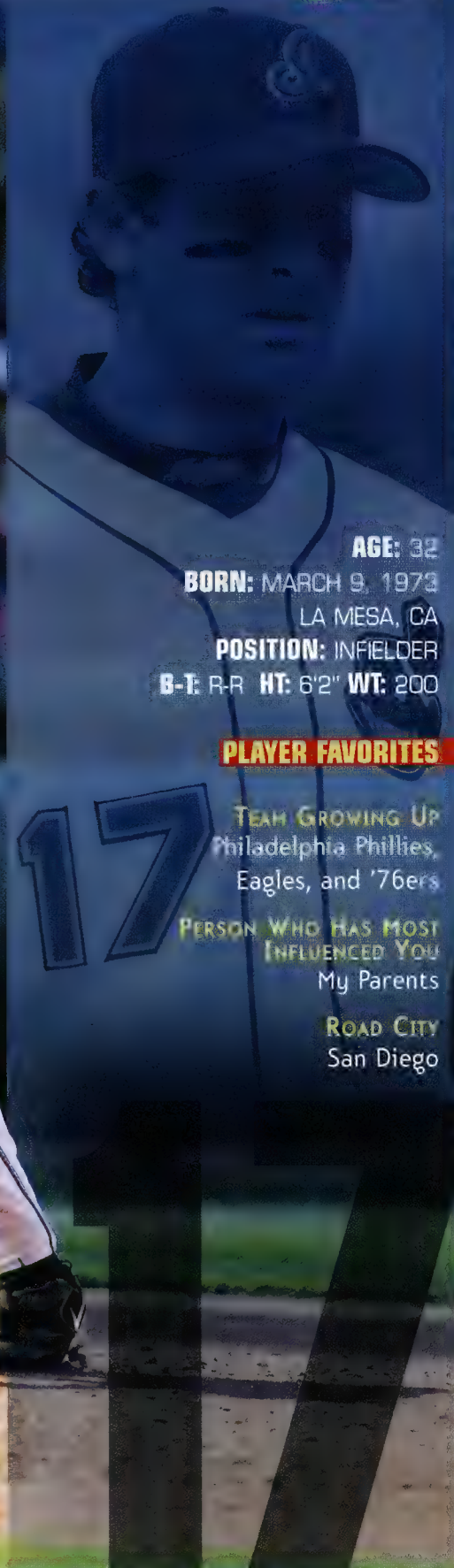
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BORN: AUG. 23, 1973
DES MOINES, IA
POSITION: OUTFIELDER
B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 210

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Miami Dolphins

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**
My Father

ROAD CITY
Seattle



AGE: 32

BORN: MARCH 9, 1973

LA MESA, CA

POSITION: INFILDER

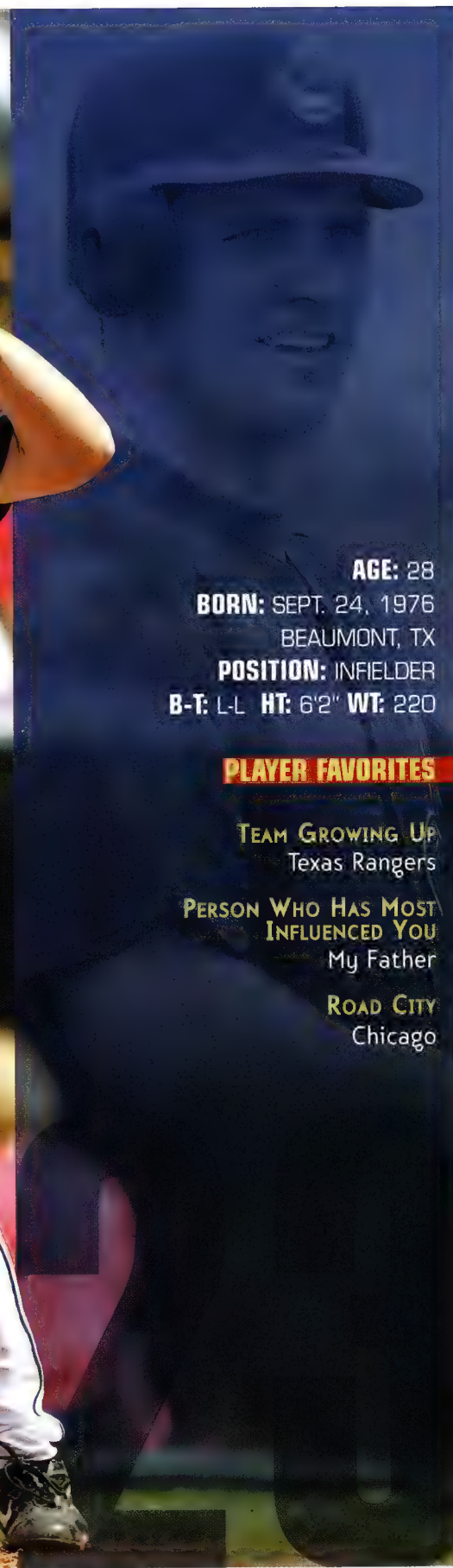
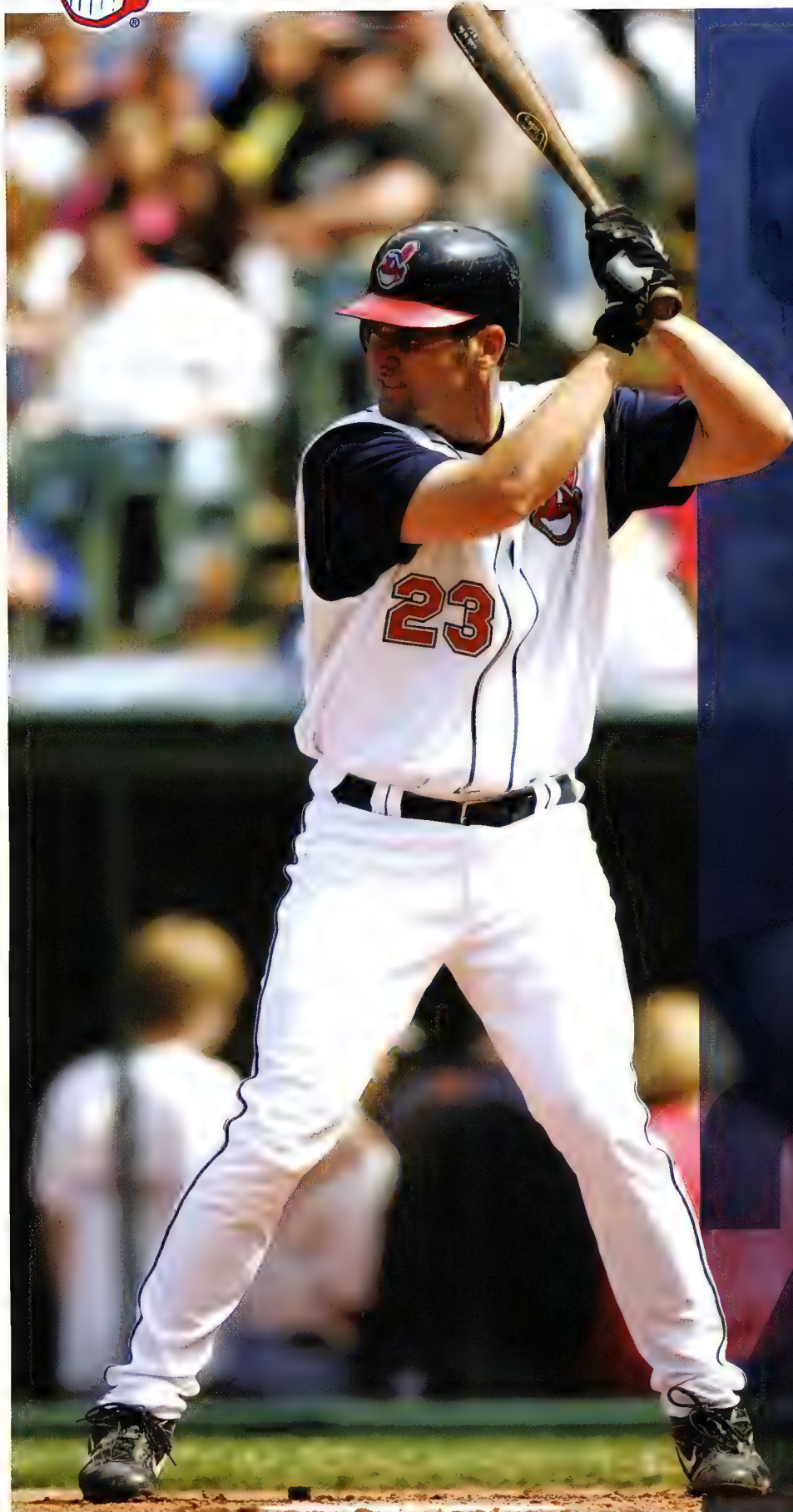
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PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Philadelphia Phillies,
Eagles, and '76ers

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**
My Parents

ROAD CITY
San Diego



AGE: 28

BORN: SEPT. 24, 1976

BEAUMONT, TX

POSITION: INFILDER

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 220

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

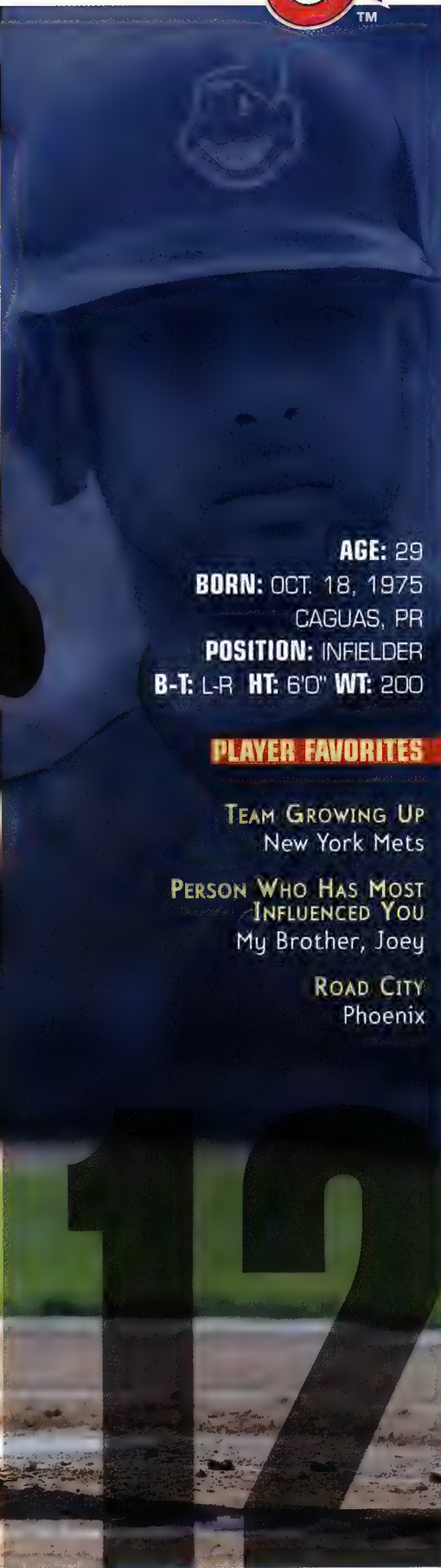
Texas Rangers

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

My Father

ROAD CITY

Chicago



AGE: 29

BORN: OCT. 18, 1975

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POSITION: INFILDER

B-T: L-R **HT:** 6'0" **WT:** 200

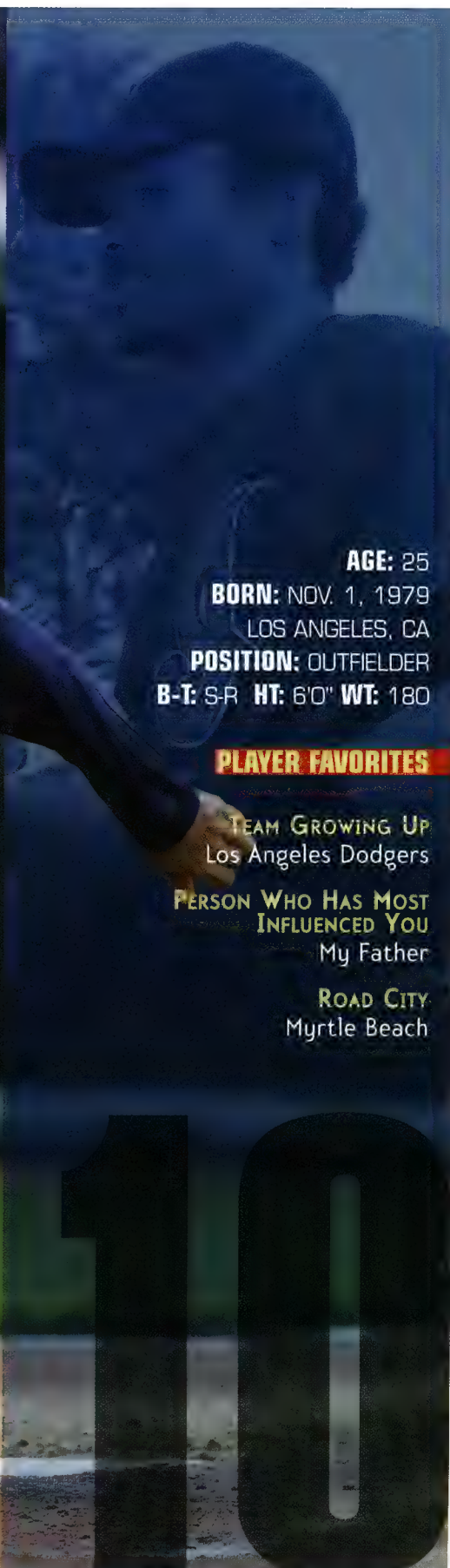
PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
New York Mets

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**
My Brother, Joey

ROAD CITY
Phoenix

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AGE: 25
BORN: NOV. 1, 1979
LOS ANGELES, CA
POSITION: OUTFIELDER
B-T: S-R **HT:** 6'0" **WT:** 180

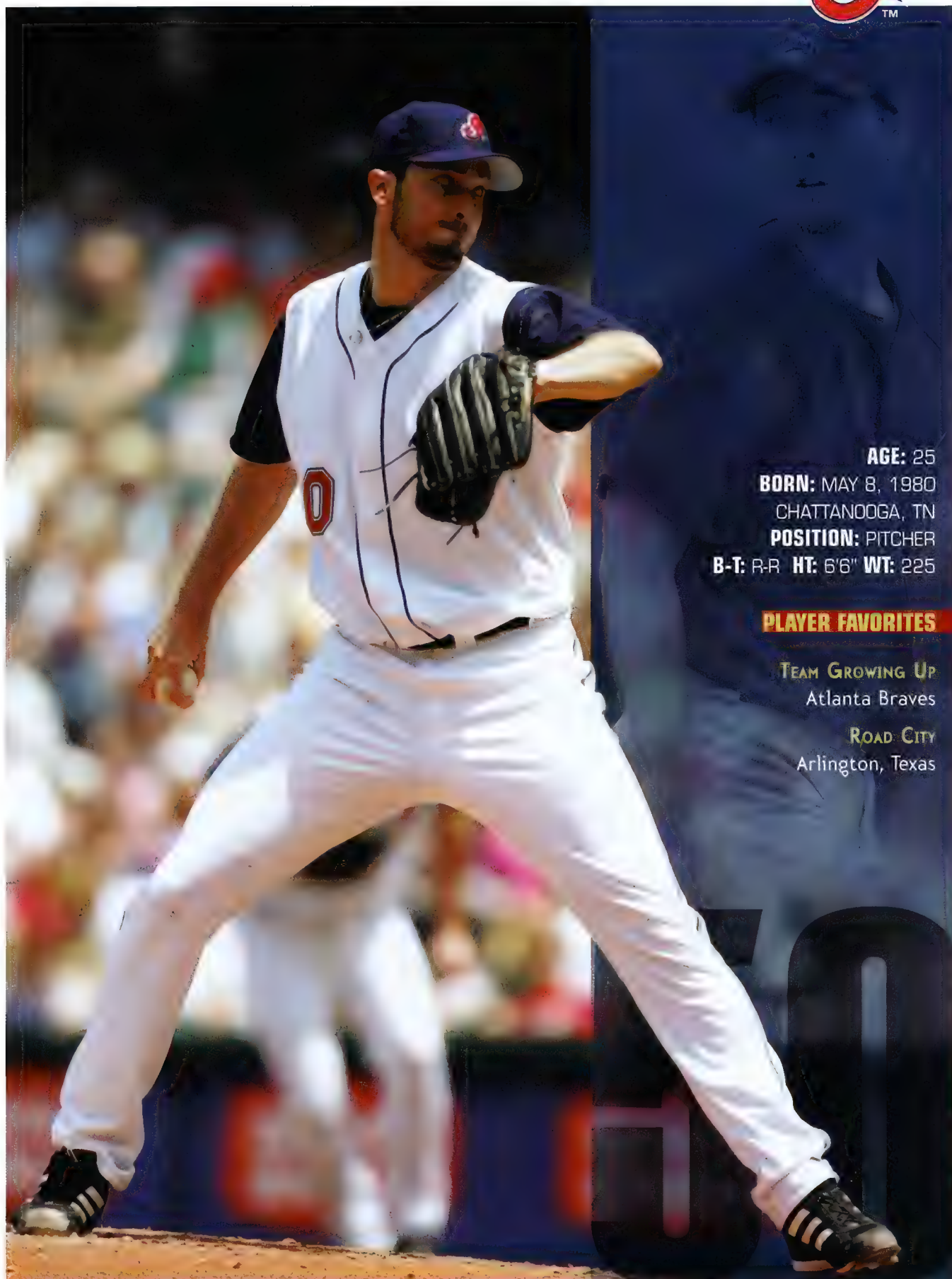
PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Los Angeles Dodgers

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**
My Father

ROAD CITY
Myrtle Beach

10



AGE: 25

BORN: MAY 8, 1980

CHATTANOOGA, TN

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'6" **WT:** 225

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

Atlanta Braves

ROAD CITY

Arlington, Texas

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TOUR DE FORCE

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes at The Jake?

Cleveland Indians Charities has just the thing to satisfy your curiosity while supporting a good cause.

Jacobs Field Tours offer fans an intimate look at the \$175 million home of the Tribe, including the press box, bullpen, dugout, Club Lounge, batting cages, party suite, and Kidsland. Select tours will also see the visitors' clubhouse.

Proceeds benefit Cleveland Indians Charities and, since the park opened in 1994, the tours have generated more than



Photo: Gregory Drezdron

\$575,000. Public tours are available Monday through Friday and Saturdays when the Indians are on the road. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children under 14, and senior citizens over 60, and free for children under 2.

Group tours, available for up to 40 people, are \$180 and are available Monday through Saturday at 1 p.m. School tours are also available.

For tickets and more information, visit your local Cleveland Indians Team Shop, Indians.com or call 216.420.4385.

It Takes A Team Effort

Through its Community Outreach efforts, the Cleveland Indians family is making a difference in the lives of young people in Northeast Ohio.



EVERY YEAR, MEMBERS OF THE Cleveland Indians visit local area schools during lunchtime to promote good eating and exercising habits in a program known as the Cleveland Clinic Major League Program. While the school visit lasts only through the lunch hour, its impact on the children can last a lifetime.

In January, the Indians visited Brook Park Elementary. The auditorium was decorated in red, white, and blue and every child and teacher sported their favorite Indians gear to support the day's "Think spring, think Indians" theme. Tribe visitors included radio announcer Matt Underwood, first base coach Jeff Datz, and players Victor Martinez, Cliff Lee, and Rafael Betancourt.

Arriving 30 minutes ahead of schedule, the players took the baseball

memorabilia purchased by Brook Park's PTA and autographed everything as a gift to the students.

But an even bigger surprise awaited one fifth-grade boy, who is confined to a wheelchair, says Principal Dave Vale.

"The fifth-grader came in with two baseballs and a note from his mom, saying he had slept with the two balls the night before and dreamt of the players signing them," he says. When Martinez heard the story, he asked to see him and signed his baseballs, one for the boy and one for his brother who is also in a wheelchair, in front of the whole school. "People were crying; it was so precious," Vale says. "If their purpose was to spread good will, it was certainly accomplished."

"It was so touching how the players were so accommodating to the kids. They could not have designed a better day."



Other programs through the Indians Community Outreach include:

FIRSTENERGY GRAND SLAM LITERACY PROGRAM

In conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Library System, players, their wives, and front office staff visit various libraries during the summer months to motivate students to read. Indians personnel come and read their favorite books to children in elementary school.

"They really get excited to see and hear the players," says Kim Merryman, public relations director for the library. "This program really provides the human interaction kids want, and they get a chance to learn while meeting their favorite Indians players."

KEYBANK HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

As a participant in the High Achievers Program, Principal Bob Trapp, of Olmsted Falls High School, has the opportunity to reward deserving students with two free tickets to Indians home games. The Cleveland Indians provide the school, along with many others throughout the area in grades 4 through 12, with approximately 70 tickets a season. Trapp distributes the tickets to the Students of the Month for their outstanding classroom work. "The students seem really excited when they win tickets and it's also a nice surprise," he says.

KeyBank and the Indians have provided nearly 200,000 tickets to deserving students since 1994. In addition, through the KeyBank Charitable Complimentary Ticket Program, almost 75,000 free tickets have been distributed to assist the underprivileged, seniors, and the disabled since Jacobs Field opened.



Brenda and Ben Broussard have a great time reading to kids and their families at the Brooklyn Library branch.

PLAIN DEALER TRIBE REPORTER FOR A DAY

For Dana Raponi, working as the Tribe Reporter for a Day was "definitely an eye-opening experience." Designed for high school students considering journalism careers, the program gives 25 essay-contest winners the opportunity to get behind the scenes of an Indians reporter's workday.

Participants choose to be a photographer, sports writer, or television journalist. Raponi and her group toured the Ballpark, attended a press conference with Manager Eric Wedge, and watched batting practice before the game. (The highlight was when Omar Vizquel came over to say "Hi.") "It was a once-in-lifetime experience," she says.

BOONE'S BUDDIES PRESENTED BY MEDICAL MUTUAL

Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland and their families will receive tickets and food-and-beverage coupons, and sit along the third base line to cheer on Boone every Saturday during the 2005 season.

— Beth Stallings

THE BOOK BOYS

Indians players participate in the FIRSTENERGY GRAND SLAM LITERACY PROGRAM each year to motivate kids to read. But what books have these Tribe sluggers turning the page?



Photo: Gregory Drezdson

JODY GERUT:

*Flags of our Fathers:
Heroes of Iwo Jima,
James Bradley and
Ron Powers*

CASEY BLAKE:

*Tuesdays with Morrie,
Mitch Albom*

BEN BROUSSARD:

*Angels and Demons,
Dan Brown*

Join **CLUB LOUNGE** at JACOBS FIELD **THE CLUB**

C CLUB SEAT TICKET holders are getting a chance to experience Tribe games in ways fans have until now only dreamed about. Imagine all-you-can-eat food in your seats or in a sports bar atmosphere while still having a perfect view of the game.

Yes, the laminated menus have disappeared from the Club Seats, but so has the need to bring your wallet. That's right, hot dogs, soda, popcorn, and other traditional Ballpark items, delivered by vendors, are now free in the Club Seats.



Photo: Gregory Drezdson

In addition, ticket holders can now enjoy complimentary food and non-alcoholic beverages in the Club Lounge, where almost 20 large, flat-screen TVs ensure you'll never miss a single moment of the action. And besides the regular Ballpark food, the Club Lounge offers a specialized carving station, pasta bar, daily international specials, and ice cream.

"You can go in there and never pull your wallet out," says Bill Lavelle, Indians Director of Luxury Seating. "That's a pretty cool deal." He added that this is a great comfort for companies that give Club Seat tickets to employees and clients. "Now employers can give



Photo: Gregory Drezdson

their workers and customers a \$75 ticket and not worry about them having to pay for anything," explains Lavelle.

"I think it's a terrific value," says John Betchal, who has owned Season Tickets in the Club Seats for 10 years. "You get the combination of great baseball, a comfortable seat, along with blue-ribbon food."

Also new this season are Chalk Talks, which provide Club Seat holders an exclusive, inside look at the Tribe. Four times throughout the season, press-conference style Chalk Talks will be held for Club Seat ticket holders on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additionally, Club Seat members can meet the players in a re-laxed setting at the Tribe Celeb-riety Cook-off. The free event occurs once a season with five or six Indians players and/or coaches cooking and serving their favorite recipes to Club Seat owners. "The players really enjoy doing it," says Lavelle.

Last year, participants included Eric Wedge, Victor Martinez, and Matt Miller.

"That's just pure fun," Betchal says. "It's a variety of players' favorites and it is interesting to match the player's personality to the food."

Sound good so far? Well it's about to get even better with the ticket-buying options offered this season. Fans have the option of purchasing tickets for 40 games at a one-season commitment or they can purchase 81 games (a full season), with either a one-year or a three-year commitment. "The longer the commitment you make, the lower the price of a ticket," Lavelle says. Tickets

for Club Seating can also be purchased on an individual game basis for groups of 10 or more people.

With new signage, furniture and flat-screen TVs constantly airing

the in-house feed in the lounge, "fans never lose a feel to the game," Lavelle assures. The seating runs on the 200 level, down the first base line and halfway into right field.

"It's a perfect view and a great way to experience the game," Lavelle says.

— Beth Stallings

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A SUITE DEAL

For fans who want an exclusive experience without losing a feel for the game, Suites are a smart choice. The game can be viewed from inside the climate-controlled Suite — with its two TVs, refrigerator and wet bar — or out on the private balcony.

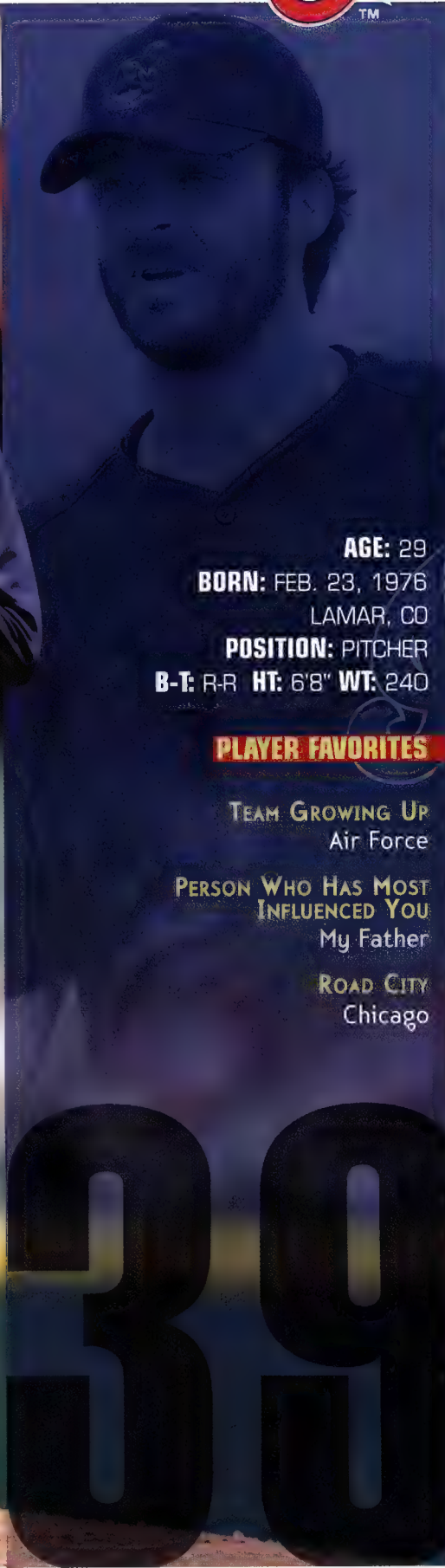
Twelve tickets and three parking passes are included with the purchase of the Suite. In addition, the Suites offer a private rest room, catering by Well Bread, which includes a dessert cart and hot-roller grills for hot dogs, a concierge, and a personal Suite attendant.

Suite holders receive discounts at the Team Shop and promotional giveaways during each game. They also have an opportunity to taste-test new Ballpark foods, which not only gives them a chance to have a part in Ballpark decisions, but also lets holders meet other Suite holders and allows a great networking opportunity.

And as a thank you, the Tribe hosts Suite Holder Workout Days in which Suite holders are treated like Indians players for the day, dressing in the locker rooms, having their names announced as they run out onto the field, and then hitting off Indians alums. "It's a day to be a Major Leaguer," says Lavelle.

Suites can be reserved in full- or partial-season plans, including 81 games (full season), 40 games (half season), 20 games, and the newly introduced nine game outfield Suite. "This new option was created to give almost everyone an opportunity to explore the Suites as an option," explains Lavelle. Even small businesses can take advantage of the nine-game plan to offer clients a unique experience. "It's an upscale service with endless rewards," Lavelle promises. — Beth Stallings





AGE: 29

BORN: FEB. 23, 1976
LAMAR, CO

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'8" **WT:** 240

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Air Force

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**
My Father

ROAD CITY
Chicago

39

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AGE: 27

BORN: SEPT. 18, 1977

ELMHURST, IL

POSITION: OUTFIELDER

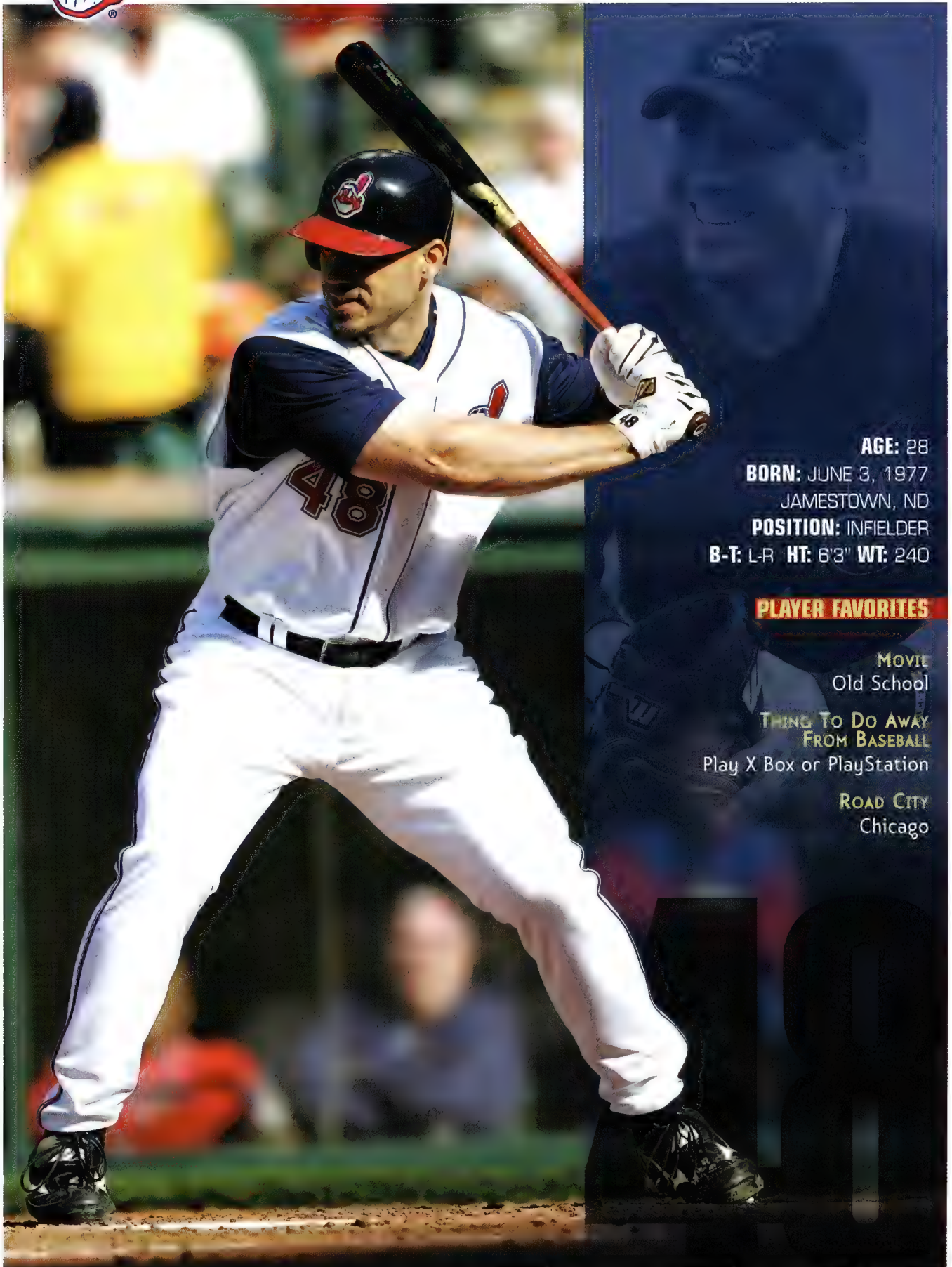
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PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Chicago White Sox

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**
Martin Luther King

ROAD CITY
Acapulco



AGE: 28

BORN: JUNE 3, 1977

JAMESTOWN, ND

POSITION: INFILDER

B-T: L-R **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 240

PLAYER FAVORITES

MOVIE

Old School

**THING TO DO AWAY
FROM BASEBALL**

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ROAD CITY

Chicago

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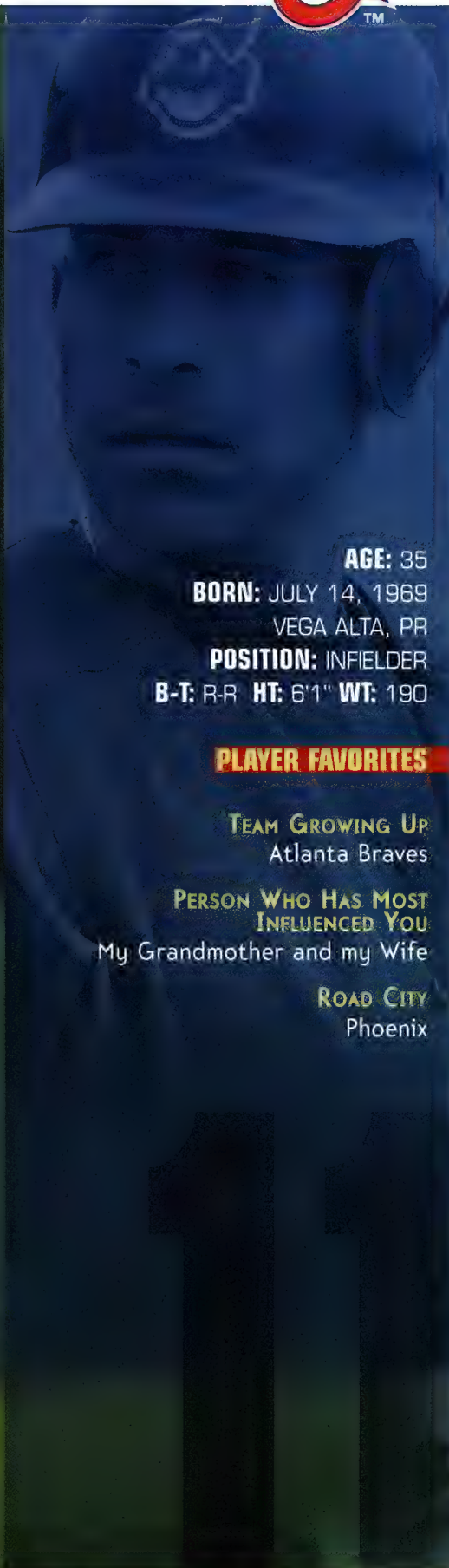
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AGE: 35

BORN: JULY 14, 1969

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POSITION: INFILDER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'1" **WT:** 190

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

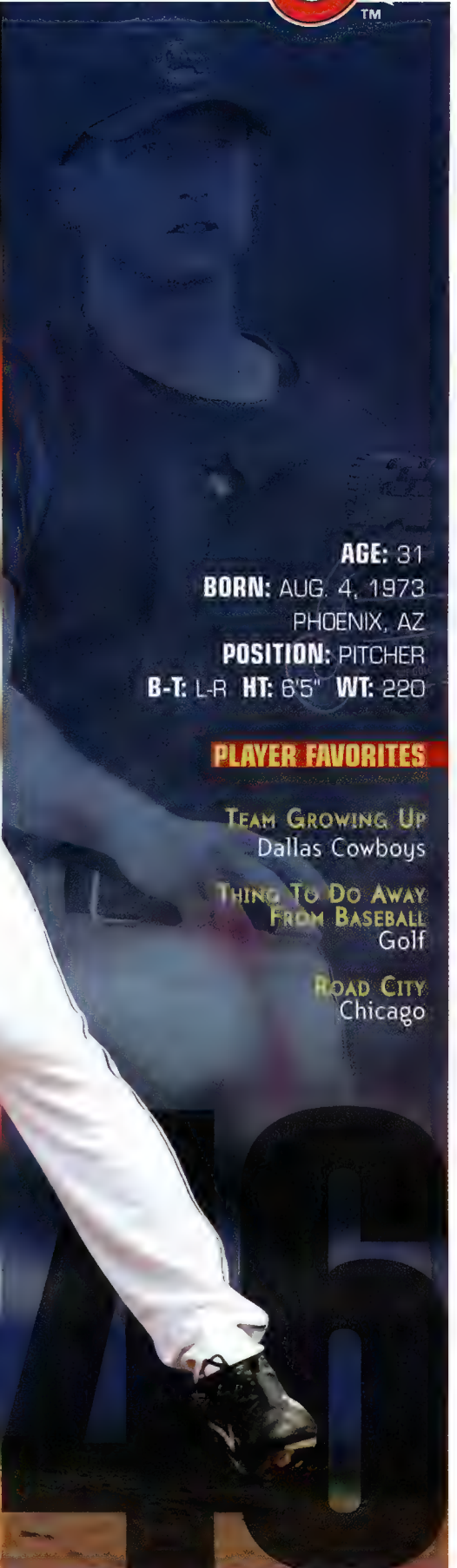
Atlanta Braves

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

My Grandmother and my Wife

ROAD CITY

Phoenix



AGE: 31

BORN: AUG. 4, 1973

PHOENIX, AZ

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: L-R **HT:** 6'5" **WT:** 220

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Dallas Cowboys

THING TO DO AWAY FROM BASEBALL
Golf

ROAD CITY
Chicago



AGE: 26

BORN: AUG. 30, 1978

BENTON, AR

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 190

PLAYER FAVORITES

MOVIE:

Braveheart

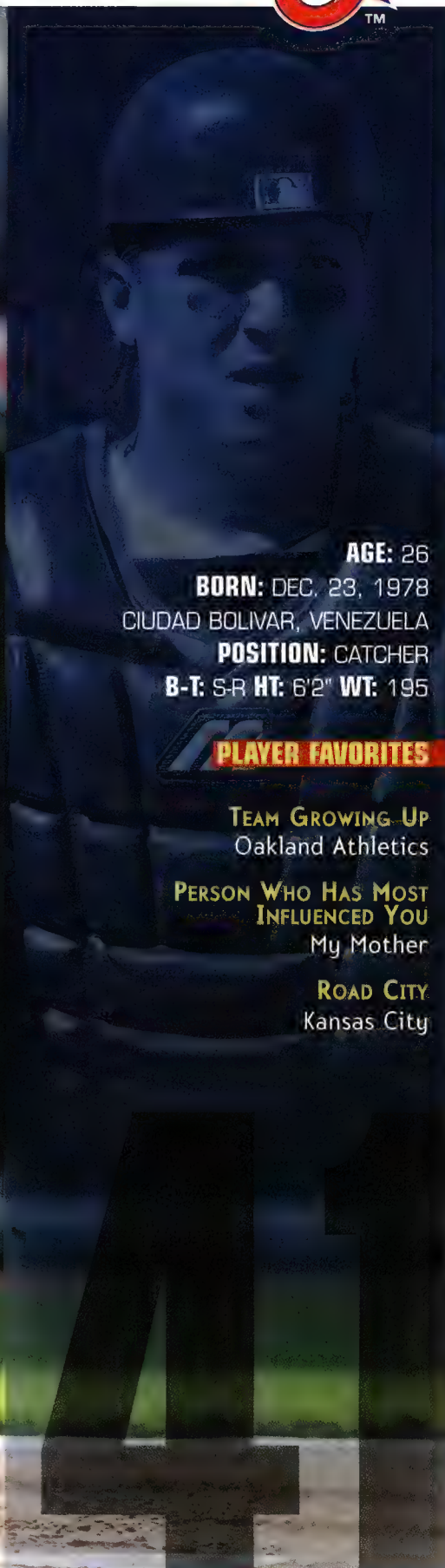
**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

Wes Garner

ROAD CITY

Kansas City

31



AGE: 26

BORN: DEC. 23, 1978

CIUDAD BOLIVAR, VENEZUELA

POSITION: CATCHER

B-T: S-R **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 195

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

Oakland Athletics

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

My Mother

ROAD CITY

Kansas City

41



AGE: 33

BORN: NOVEMBER 23, 1971
GREENWOOD, MS

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 215

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Boston Red Sox

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**
My Mother

ROAD CITY
Seattle



AGE: 30

BORN: DEC. 24, 1974

GASTONIA, NC

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'4" **WT:** 230

PLAYER FAVORITES

MOVIE

Forrest Gump

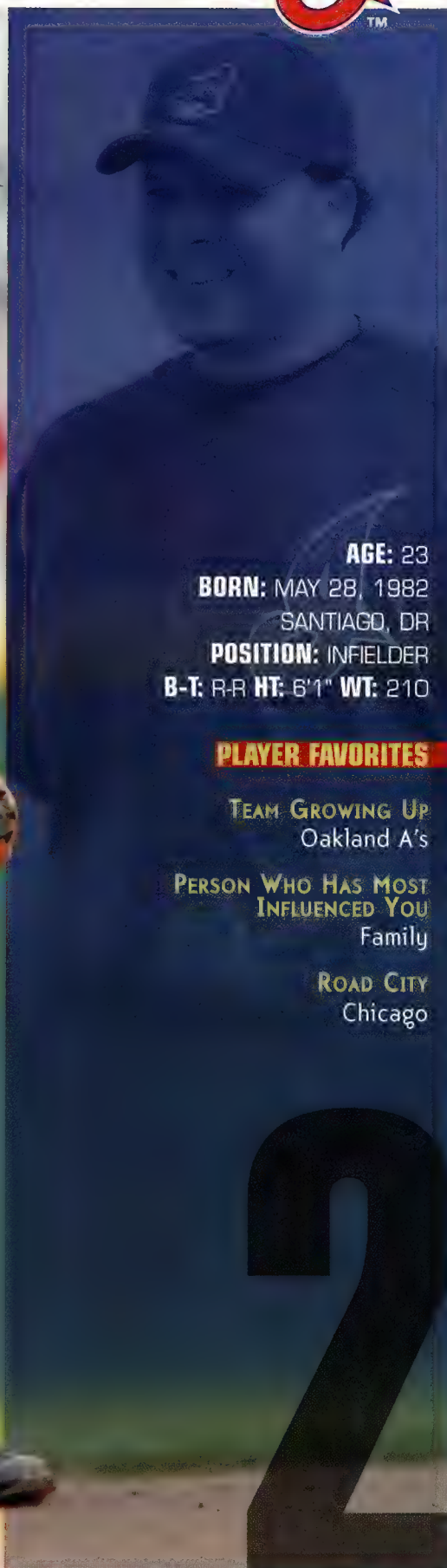
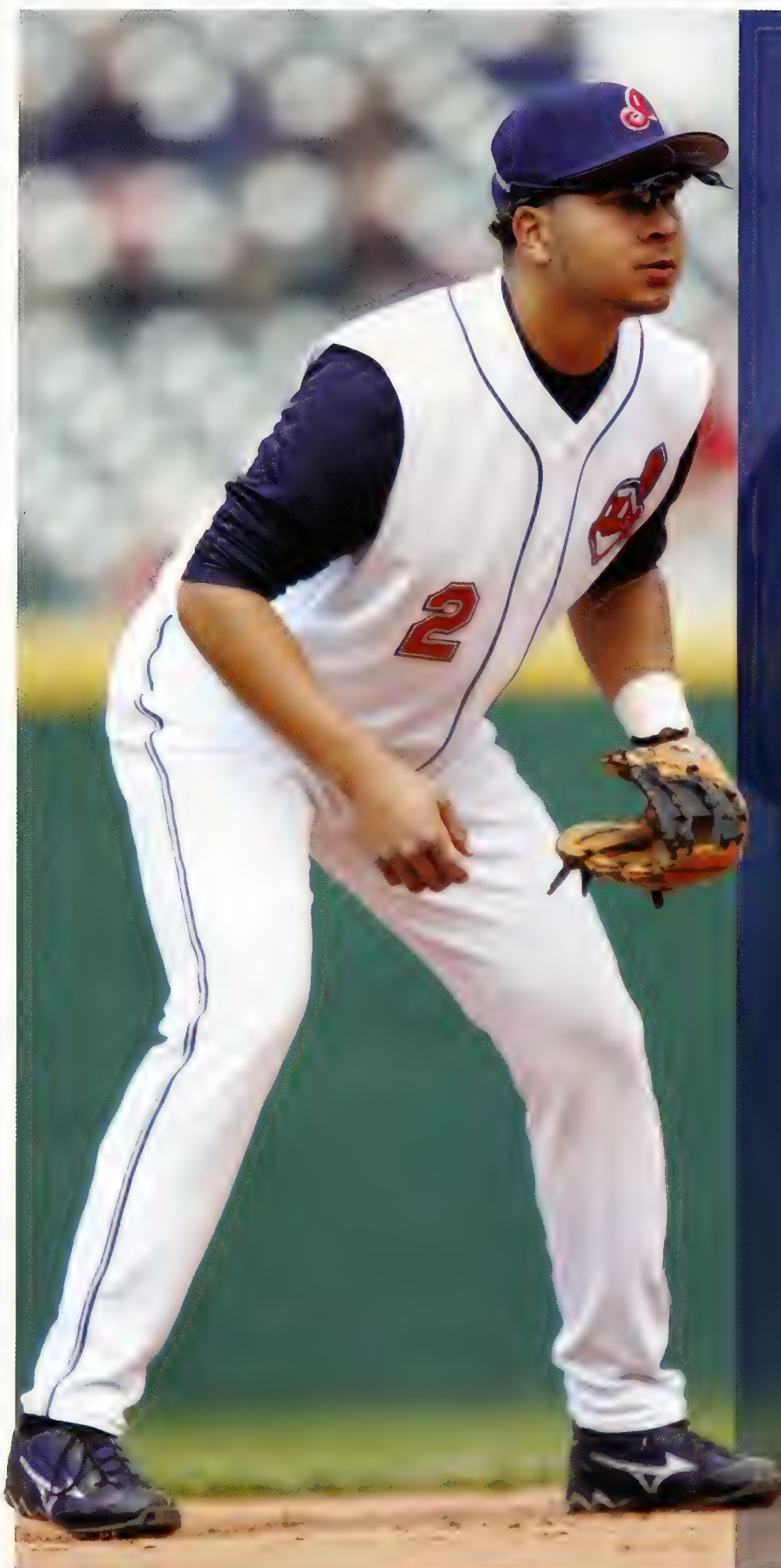
**THING TO DO AWAY
FROM BASEBALL**

Hunt

HOME CITY

San Diego





AGE: 23

BORN: MAY 28, 1982

SANTIAGO, DR

POSITION: INFILDER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'1" **WT:** 210

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

Oakland A's

PERSON WHO HAS MOST

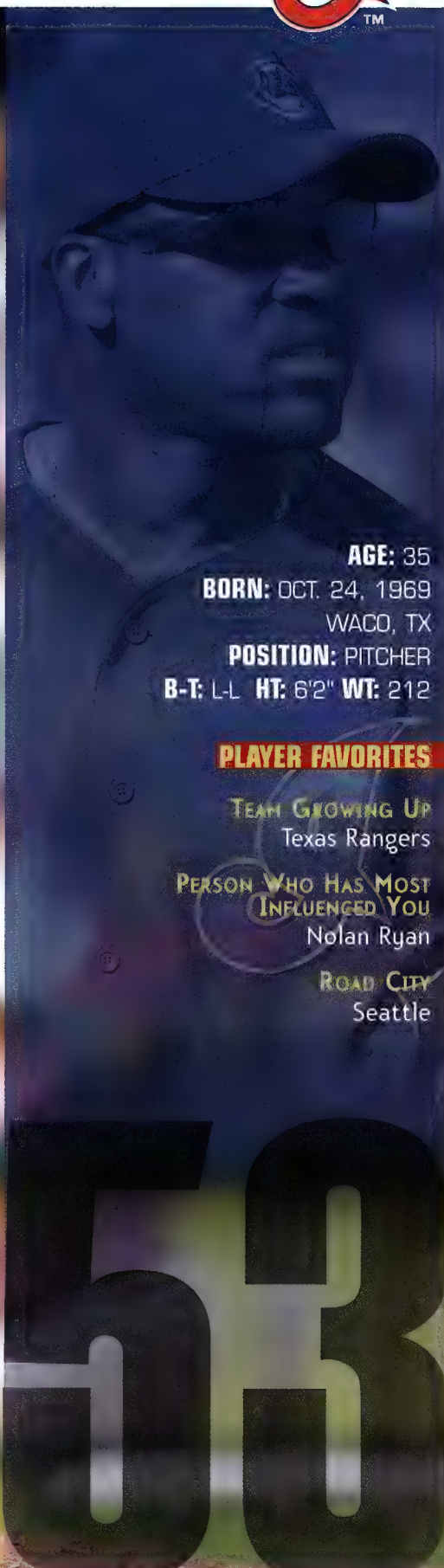
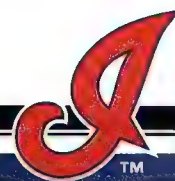
INFLUENCED YOU

Family

ROAD CITY

Chicago

2



AGE: 35

BORN: OCT. 24, 1969

WACO, TX

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 212

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

Texas Rangers

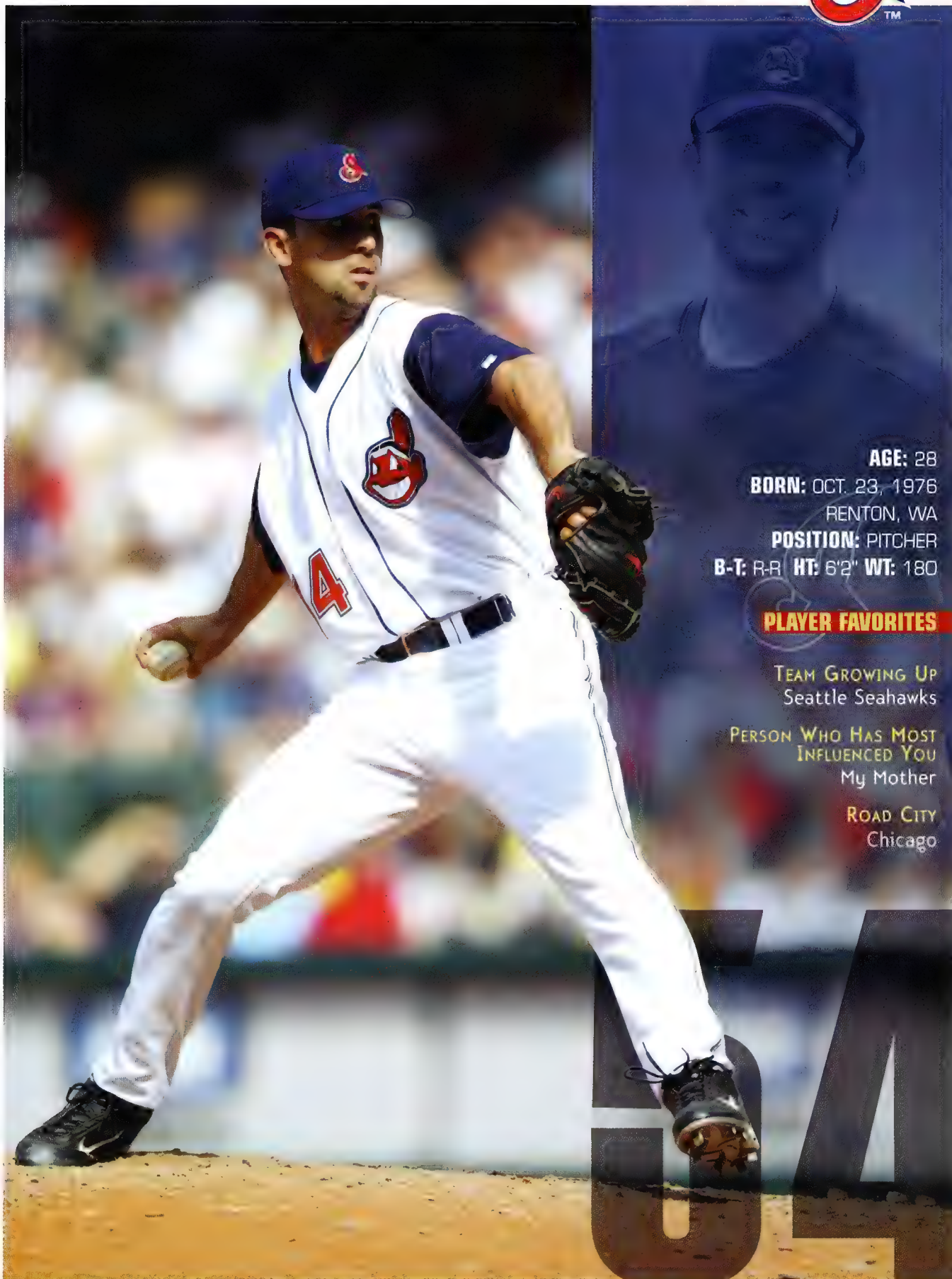
**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

Nolan Ryan

ROAD CITY

Seattle

53



AGE: 28

BORN: OCT. 23, 1976

RENTON, WA

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 180

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

Seattle Seahawks

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

My Mother

ROAD CITY

Chicago



AGE: 24

BORN: JULY 21, 1980

VALLEJO, CA

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'7" **WT:** 290

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

Oakland Raiders

PERSON WHO HAS MOST

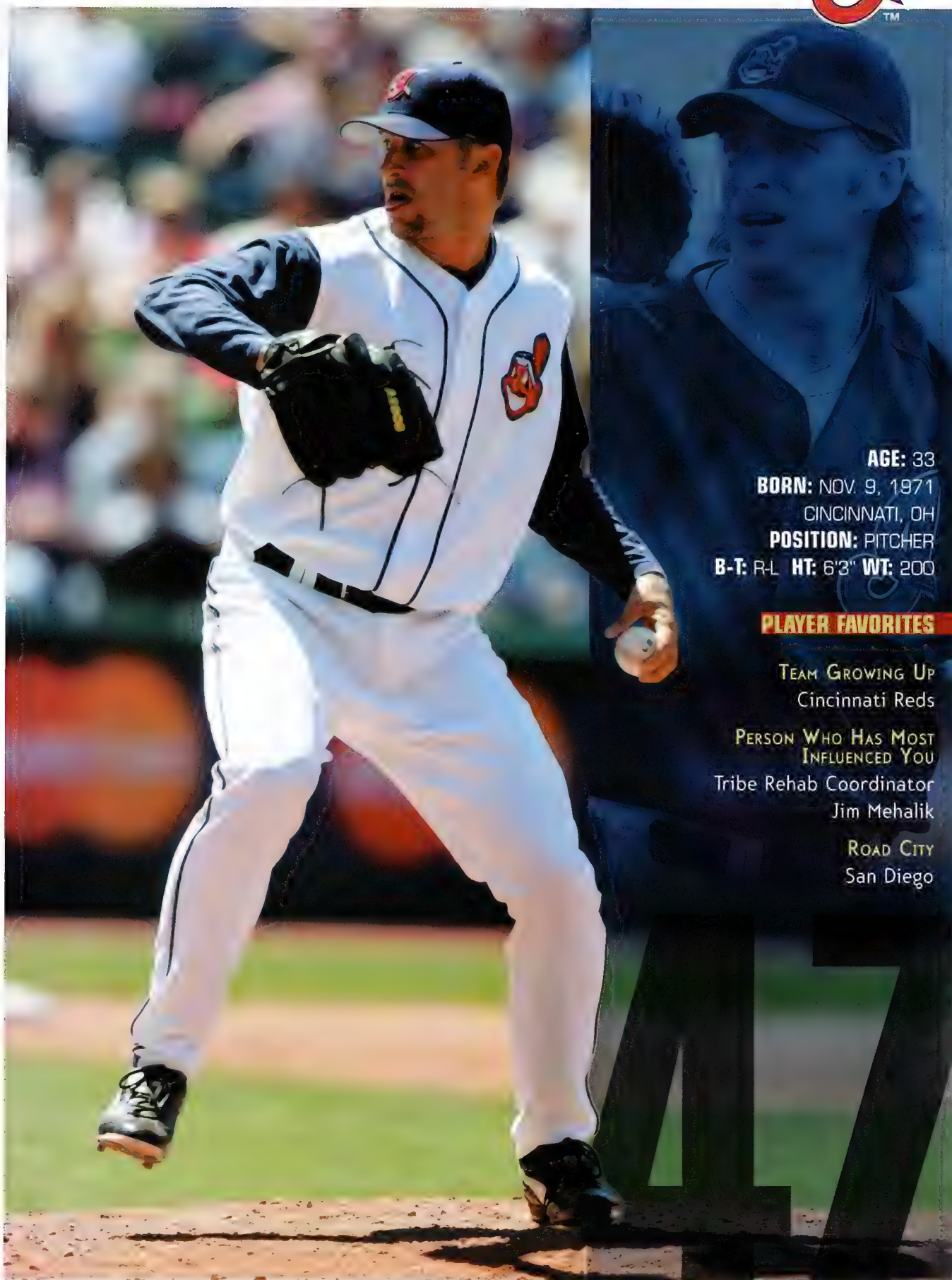
INFLUENCED YOU

My Mother

ROAD CITY

Chicago

52



AGE: 33

BORN: NOV. 9, 1971

CINCINNATI, OH

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: R-L **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 200

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

Cincinnati Reds

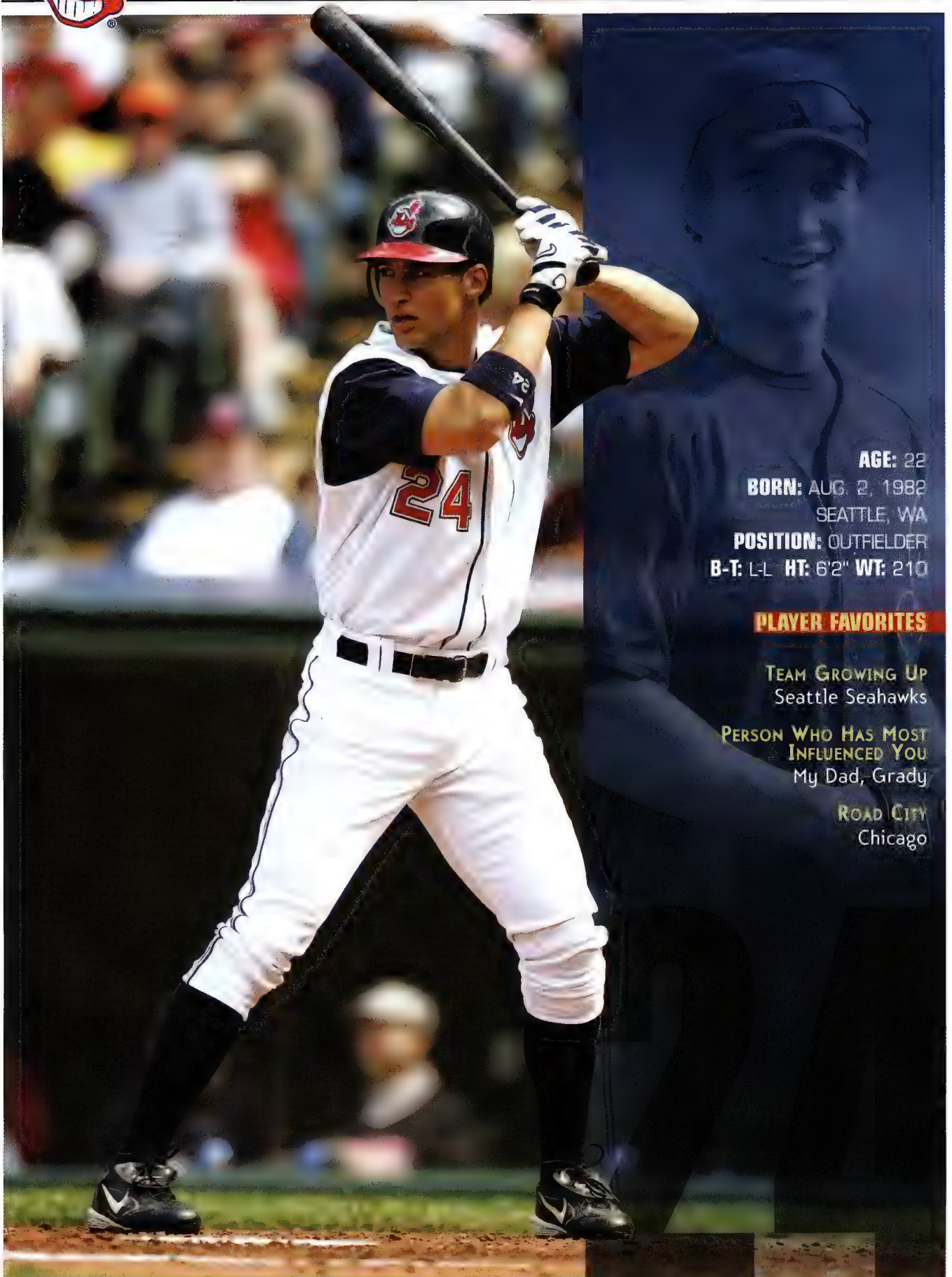
**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

Tribe Rehab Coordinator

Jim Mehalik

ROAD CITY

San Diego



AGE: 22

BORN: AUG. 2, 1982

SEATTLE, WA

POSITION: OUTFIELDER

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 210

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP

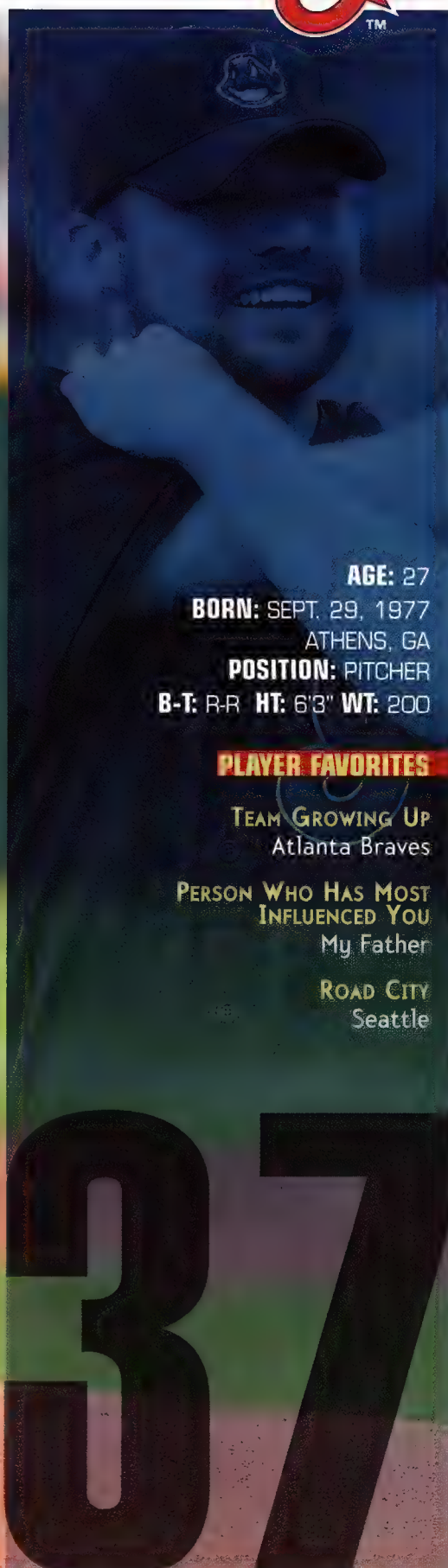
Seattle Seahawks

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**

My Dad, Grady

ROAD CITY

Chicago



AGE: 27

BORN: SEPT. 29, 1977

ATHENS, GA

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 200

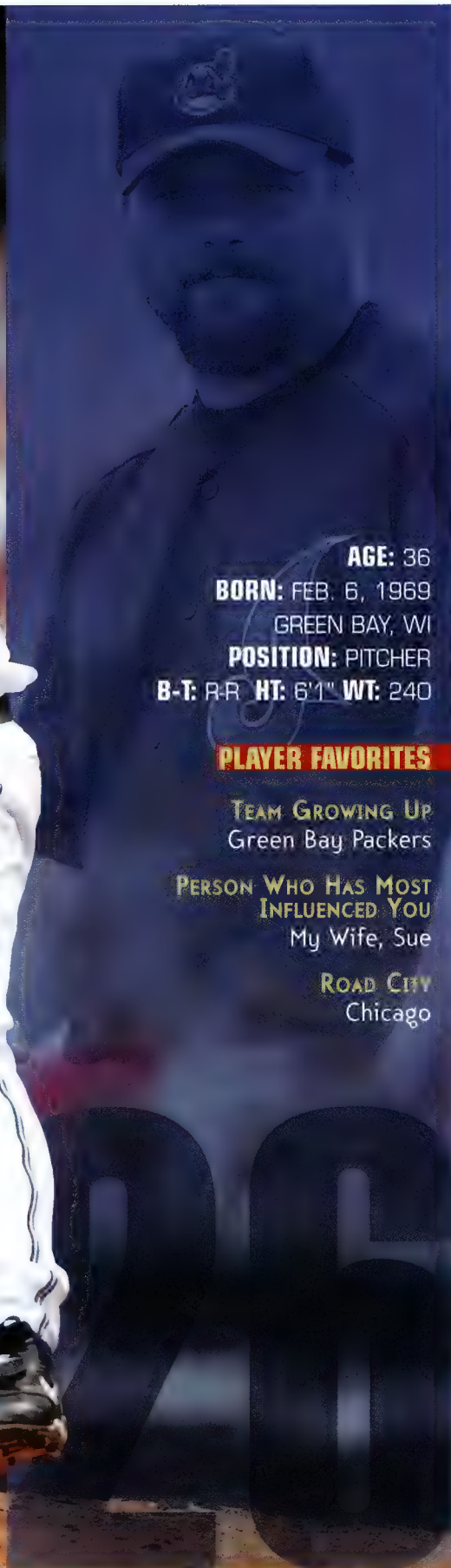
PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Atlanta Braves

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**
My Father

ROAD CITY
Seattle

37



AGE: 36
BORN: FEB. 6, 1969
GREEN BAY, WI
POSITION: PITCHER
B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'1" **WT:** 240

PLAYER FAVORITES

TEAM GROWING UP
Green Bay Packers

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST
INFLUENCED YOU**
My Wife, Sue

ROAD CITY
Chicago

Fun with FOUR

Kids, how well do you know the Indians? Take our quiz to see if you are a rookie or a seasoned pro when it comes to the Tribe.

1. Former Cleveland Indians outfielder Rocky Colavito was the sixth player in modern baseball history to hit how many home runs in one game?

- A. 5
- B. 3
- C. 4

2. Jacobs Field opened on what day?

- A. April 4, 1993
- B. April 4, 1994
- C. April 4, 1995

3. What Cleveland Indian is No. 44 and what position does he play?

- A. Bob Wickman, pitcher

- B. Josh Bard, catcher
- C. Grady Sizemore, outfielder

4. What Cleveland Indians shortstop has four career grand slams?

- A. Jose Hernandez
- B. Omar Vizquel
- C. Lou Boudreau

5. Luis Isaac wears No. 4 for the Indians. What kind of coach is he?

- A. First base coach
- B. Bench coach
- C. Bullpen coach

6. How many balls equal a walk?

- A. 4
- B. 3
- C. 5

7. What does the number 4 stand for in official baseball scoring?

- A. First base
- B. Home run
- C. Second base

Answers:

1. C, 2. B, 3. B, 4. A, 5. C, 6. A, 7. C

Explosive Entertainment

POW! BAM! BOOM! NO, THIS isn't a "Batman" rerun, it's the sound of the fireworks display at Jacobs Field.

For an action-packed 10 to 12 minutes, anywhere from 4,000 to 5,000 fireworks are shot into the air displaying every color you can imagine.

This season, fans can see aquas, pinks, and oranges — the new colors of 2005. What you won't see are many of the normal reds, greens, and blues, because the Indians' goal is to host more than just the ordinary fireworks show.

For more than 20 years, American Fireworks has helped the Tribe do just that. "No two shows are ever alike," says Shane M. Fraley, pyrotechnician and head foreman for American Fireworks. "We vary the sequences, shapes, and colors of each show so fans get something unique each time."

Fraley says the shells are often named after flowers, such as orange chrysanthemum and blue Dahlia. He says this is because the fireworks are created to resemble flowers in the sky, with pistons and stems.

So how exactly are the shapes created? Fraley explains each shell (which resembles a hollowed out baseball) contains what are known as stars, little hard pellets of different powders that give the fireworks color and shape. He says the stars look like Coco Puffs or Trix cereal. But these pellets pack a little more punch than your average breakfast. When the charge in the center ignites, the stars explode in a burst of color. To get a different shape, says Fraley, you simply rearrange the position of the stars in the shell.

If you watch the top level of the parking garage behind the stadium, you can see the fireworks rocket into the air as the show begins. It takes five to seven people to set up the display each fireworks show night and two shooters are needed to set off the



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electric igniters that get the show started.

American Fireworks, the Indians, and the Cleveland Fire Department work together to determine the safe zones before each display. Safety is their No. 1 concern and priority during the fireworks shows, and all three organizations involved do a great job of ensuring safety.

—Beth Stallings



In addition to the three fireworks nights in July, Jacobs Field will present five more fireworks shows throughout the remainder of the season. Don't miss the following entertaining displays:

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OCTOBER 1

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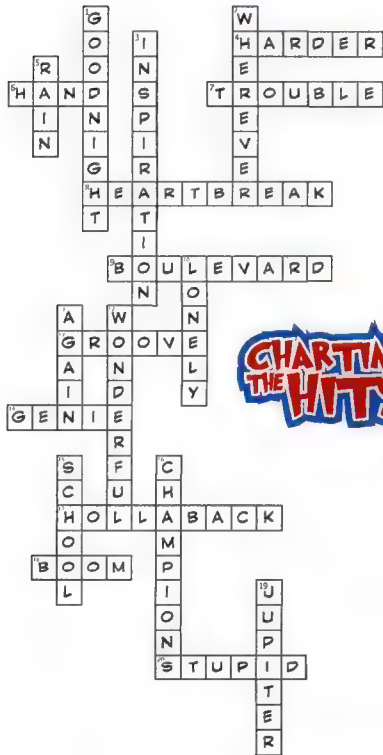
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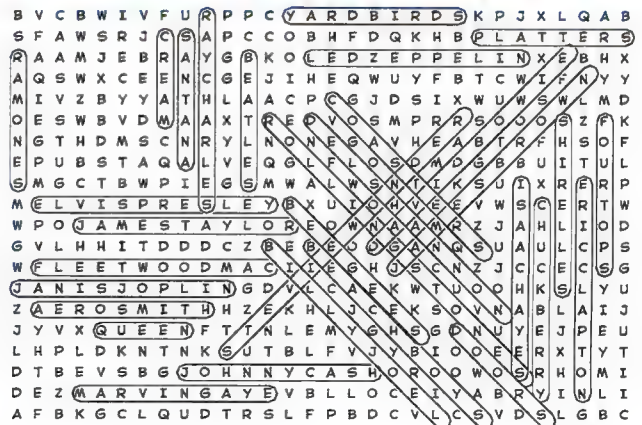
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That's my wife, Missy, and my son, Payton. I have no idea if he's ever going to be a baseball player, but he sure likes to throw things.

3. GLOVES

Well, I've got kind of a glove problem. I don't really know why I have all these, but I do.

4. BAG WITH BATHROOM STUFF

I like to take a shower and get cleaned up before the game. I've got this

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7. BAT

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— Lane Strauss



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